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DISASTER OR COMPROMISE?

FALSE STORY FROM TURKEY.

MOSUL "REVOLT" NOT BELIEVED.

MORE BOASTING.

WORK RESUMED AT LAUSANNE.

The Lausanne Conference, after a brief recess, reopens to-day in conditions the reverse of hopeful.

Angora reports via Constantinople that a revolt has broken out against the British at Mosul (Iraq), the vilayet which the Turks declare they will not give up.

There is no confirmation of the report, which is not credited. The reason for its circulation is obvious.

"OFFICIALLY STATED."

WHAT CONSTANTINOPLE HEARS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday.

A telegram from Angora announces that it is officially stated that an insurrection has broken out at Mosul (Iraq), and that the inhabitants of the whole of the oil district demand the annexation of the territory to Turkey.—Central News.

An Angora despatch states that the population of Mosul have burnt the English aeroplane sheds there.

The Commissary of War, Kiazim Pasha, has declared that the army is ready to carry out all the Turkish demands.—Exchange.

DISCREDITED.

WHY THE REPORT WAS SPREAD.

No confirmation, says Reuter, has been received in official circles in London of the report, issued from Angora, through Constantinople, to the effect that a revolt has broken out at Mosul.

It is stated to be not without significance that recently a report was circulated, also from Turkish sources, to the effect that there had been a great concentration of Turkish forces to the north of Mosul, a report for which, of course, there was no foundation.

It is also significant that the issue of the present report coincides with the arrival at Angora of Hassan Bey, who has been with Ismet at Lausanne.

Mosul is in touch with Baghdad by wireless, and it is perfectly certain that news of any untoward incident would be quickly received in London.

MOBILISATION.

ATHENS, Monday Night.

It is reported from Smyrna that four classes of the Turkish army have been mobilised and that two other classes are on the point of being called to the Colours.—Central News.

LAUSANNE AGAIN.

TURKS MAINTAIN SILENCE.

LAUSANNE, Tuesday.

The New Year festivities being over, the Lausanne Conference re-

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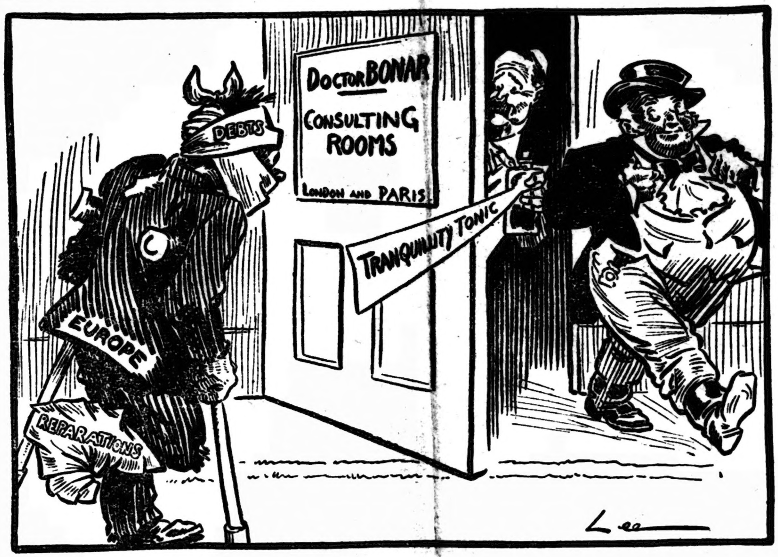

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ALLIED PREMIERS FACING A GRAVE SITUATION.

FUTURE OF GERMANY AND THE ENTENTE POWERS HANGING IN THE BALANCE.

The most important of the long series of Reparations Conferences, or Conversations as Paris calls them, opened at the Quai d'Orsay this afternoon, with four nations directly represented—England, France, Belgium, and Italy.

All the indications point to a compromise or a disastrous breakdown, in which the Entente may disappear. The position is:—

Mr. Bonar Law has gone to Paris with a plan for settling once and for all the amount and the methods of payment by Germany, approved by the British Cabinet.

M. Poincare this morning received the unanimous approval of his Cabinet of the proposals which he will put forward.

The Italian Delegate announces that Italy adheres to the programme submitted by Signor Mussolini at the abortive Conference in London in December.

Germany is also presenting a scheme, of which the outlines have been stated in public by Dr. Cuno.

"SOME DEGREE OF OPTIMISM."

FOUR SETS OF PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE ALLIED PREMIERS.

The conversations began at five minutes past two.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The opening day of the Conversations between the Premiers finds Paris under the greyest of grey clouds, but the depressing character of the climate has not communicated itself to the various delegations, who profess some degree of optimism born, apparently, of the unexpected relaxation from rigidity of the newest French proposals.

The Conference will have before it the new plans put forward on behalf of the French and British nations, while Germany will also submit what are described as fresh proposals, which, however, some of the Allied delegations profess to regard as only a slight variant of former German suggestions.

Italy's Part.

In the meantime the plan put forward by Signor Mussolini in London still holds ground and will be discussed by the Conference in conjunction with the other plans, notwithstanding the striking difference which will probably be revealed in the various suggestions.

HOPEFUL VIEW.

"MODIFICATIONS BY THE FRENCH."

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Poincaré went to the Hotel Crillon this morning and had a private conference with Lord Curzon and Mr. Bonar Law.

French official circles are optimistic.

The British leaders have indicated their appreciation of the modifications and moderation of the French point of view within the last twenty-four hours declaring that Britain also is willing to make sacrifices.

Dr. Bergmann has not arrived and therefore it is most unlikely that the German proposals will be presented to-day.—Exchange.

The principal Italian delegate to the Paris Conversations is the Marquis Della Torretta, the Italian Ambassador in London, who arrived here yesterday.

Atmosphere of Good Will.

Interviewed by Reuter's representative, this morning, the Marquis stated that he entered the Conference with the most cordial feelings towards the countries represented, and he hoped that, proceeding in an atmosphere of good will, they would be able to arrive at a definite conclusion.

Questioned as to the position of the proposals submitted by Signor Mussolini in London, the Marquis Della Toretta said they would still be put forward.

"Approximates" to the French.

He had not seen the semi-official version of the French plan, but if the summary given to him proved to be

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'MEDIUM' SENT TO PRISON.

HARD LABOUR FOR HOUSEBREAKING.

MONEY FROM SEANCES.

HIS "SPIRITUALISTIC STUNT."

Well known for many years as a spirit medium, Frederick Tansley Munnings, forty-seven, described as a boarding-house keeper, of Hastings, was sentenced to nine calendar months' hard labour to-day at Surrey Quarter Sessions.

He was indicted on two charges—

(1) Of having, between October 25 and November 28 last broken into the dwelling-house of Mrs. Elizabeth Tarrant at Moor View, Old Woking, and stolen a vase and other articles of the total value of £50; and

(2) Of having committed burglary at the same house on November 28 with intent to steal.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to the first count and not guilty to the second, adding: "I had not entered the premises on the second occasion."

His Career.

Superintendent Boshier, of the Surrey Constabulary at Woking, gave an account of Munnings' career. After leaving school he was employed as clerk at the local county court offices, where he remained until he was seventeen years of age.

He then obtained a situation as auctioneer's clerk at Tottenham.

When about twenty he married his present wife. He was at the time the licensee of the Darby and Joan public-house, Poplar.

He held the licence of this house from March, 1896, to February, 1919. He also held the licence of the Vic-

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'MEDIUM' SENT TO PRISON.

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tory Beerhouse, Poplar, from May, 1912, to June, 1914.

Chairman of Guardians.

Munnings assisted his wife in the management of both houses, which were conducted satisfactorily.

From April 16, 1907, to March 16, 1916, Munnings was a member of the Poplar Board of Guardians, and for the latter part of that period was chairman of the Board.

From August, 1912 to 1916, he was also secretary of the Poplar Municipal Alliance and Ratepayers' Association.

From May, 1916, to June, 1917, he was employed as clerk to a firm of wine and spirit merchants at Bournemouth.

Bound Over for Stealing.

On June 4, 1917, continued Superintendent Boshier, at Bournemouth police-court he was bound over for six months for stealing a bicycle. Through this he lost his situation; otherwise his conduct was satisfactory.

After this he appeared to have transacted business in property, and was made a bankrupt at Poole and Bournemouth County Court on February 15. 1921.

He moved to Hastings in February. 1921.

Practising as Medium.

While residing at Pelham-crescent, Hastings, a boarding establishment carried on by his wife, he practised as a spiritualist "medium," and from this source appeared to have derived a considerable amount of money.

On August 20, 1921, Munnings was arrested at Poplar for obtaining and attempting to obtain (two cases) money by false pretences.

In these cases he wrote letters to various local residents, falsely representing that he had just been discharged from hospital, after undergoing a serious operation, and was without means to pay his fare back to Hastings. For the offences he was bound over in £20 for twelve months at the Thames police-court in September, 1921.

Seances.

In early September of last year he left his home and appeared to have visited different places, giving seances as a "trumpet medium," and had also undoubtedly obtained sums of money by false pretences from people with whom he became acquainted as a "medium."

Munnings appeared to have practised widely as a spiritualist "trumpet medium," and his methods had been the cause of much discussion among Spiritualist organisations.

A Mischievous Medium.

According to one of their periodicals called "Light," of June 25, 1921, he "gets a living out of it and the public a show."

The article concluded with the hope that "every right-minded Spiritualist will place Munnings in the category where he rightly belongs—viz., a mischievous medium of a low order—and from now on give him a wide berth."

In fairness to the prisoner, Supt. Boshier said that after his arrest Munnings gave such information as was the means of recovering the whole of the property concerned in the two charges at Woking.

Prisoner's Appeal.

Asked if he had anything to say, the prisoner handed in a statement in which he asked that the very trying position of himself, his wife, and two daughters should be taken into account.

"My boarding establishment at Hastings," he said, "is suffering on account of my conduct in this charge, and the serious illnesses of my wife in consequence.

"I have never previously been in such difficulties, and have tried always to prove myself a good citizen."

A "Stunt."

The Chairman (Sir Charles Walpole), in sentencing the prisoner, said:—

"You appear to have conducted a variety of systems of defrauding your neighbours, and you have taken up this 'spiritualistic stunt,' as we may call it; but you don't seem to have succeeded in defrauding the spiritualistic fraternity, who describe you as 'a mischievous medium of low order.' I think that describes you."

PIG SEES ANOTHER KILLED.

SLAUGHTERMEN FINED FOR ALLOWING IT.

At Folkestone police-court to-day a slaughterman, Alfred Duke, and two assistants, Robert Allen and Henry Winder, were summoned under a by-law for killing one animal in the sight of another.

The animals were pigs, and the defence was that one pig ran into the slaughterhouse while the other was being slaughtered.

The Bench fined each defendant 6s. 8d.

THE PREMIER'S PARIS TASK.

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correct he thought it would approximate more closely to the Italian idea than anything that had yet been suggested.

He came to Paris with full powers to treat on behalf of Italy, and the discussions would in no way be delayed by the necessity of referring to Rome any decisions arrived at.—Reuter.

THREE POINT.

PARIS PRESS TAKES CAUTIOUS LINE.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The newspapers devote a large amount of space to the Paris Conference, and refer at considerable length to the forecasts of the French programme made yesterday by the diplomatic correspondent of the Havas Agency, namely:—

A reduction of the German debt commensurate with a cancellation of inter-Allied debts.

A moratorium limited to a period of two years.

The taking of productive guarantees.

The "Petit Parisien," after having pointed out a parallel between the plan of M. Poincaré and the ideas favoured by Mr. Bonar Law, declares that no difficulties appear to be insurmountable.

> Nevertheless (it adds), there is no disguising the fact that on essential points the British position remains widely separated from ours.

The Dividing Ditch.

The "Echo de Paris" writes:—

> The speech delivered yesterday by M. Millerand, in reply to the felicitations of the Diplomatic Corps may be summed up in a word, "There can be no European pacification outside the existing Treaties."

After enumerating the various points contained in the views held by Mr. Bonar Law, and declaring that a ditch still divided the Government of London from that of Paris, the newspaper concludes as follows:—

> This afternoon, as soon as the meeting begins, it is probable that M. Poincaré will justify the attitude of France to the Reparations Commission and make a full explanation as to why the attitude of Sir John Bradbury is inadmissible for us, as much in regard to timber as in regard to coal.
>
> **Several hours' discussions should suffice to determine whether co-operation between the two countries in regard to Germany is possible or if, on the contrary, hope should be abandoned.**

Disappointments.

The "Journal" says:—

> For the sake of creating an appearance of agreement, we have accepted the British suggestion in the West as in the East. We have renounced all liberty of action; we have suspended initiatives in a manner of which the future alone can determinate the wisdom. What has been the result?
>
> A series of defection and of misunderstandings. If they recur no effort by the Entente will be able to stop the disintegrating influence of defeat and sterility.
>
> On the other hand, success will be the best guarantee of unity.

Foch's Warning.

The "Matin" understands that the influence of Marshal Foch has been used in opposition to the employment of any military action on a very limited scale, with a view to the encirclement of the Ruhr. In view of this authoritative opinion, the French Government has come to the conclusion that it is not necessary to encircle the Ruhr Basin to collect Customs revenues, and that by a system of centralisation these revenues can be collected by the Allies by a certain number of offices situated in the large towns where surveillance would be much more easy.—Reuter.

M. POINCARE'S COURTESY

TEN MINUTES' CALL ON MR. BONAR LAW.

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Poincaré paid a complimentary call on Mr. Bonar Law at the Hotel Crillon at half-past ten this morning, and stayed about ten minutes.—Reuter.

MME. BERNHARDT'S HEALTH.

DENIAL THAT IT HAS TAKEN TURN FOR WORSE.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The well-known painter Louise Abeina, an intimate friend of Sarah Bernhardt, has issued an emphatic denial of reports to the effect that the health of the famous actress has taken a turn for the worse.—Reuter.

LONDON MUSEUM ROBBED.

EXHIBITS WRENCHED FROM WALL.

A SUNDAY VISITOR.

IS A COLLECTOR THE THIEF?

Two valuable exhibits have been stolen from a case in the Wallace Collection at Hertford House, Manchester-square.

The first is a German flintlock pistol with a stock of walnut wood, of the 1740 period, which weighs about 1lb. and is 15½in. long.

The other is a left-hand dagger of German make of the period 1610, with a blade 10½in. long.

Articles Described.

The full description of the stolen articles is as follows:—

> A German 1740 flint-lock pistol, stock of walnut wood, carved in low relief with scrolls, mounted with a butt. Figure and ramrod guard gun-metal, blue barrel, flattened faced, with the maker's name, I. Andreas Kuchen Reuter. Silver scrolls, lock plates engraved with the name Iehri Kuchen Reuter thereon, with initials in case on top. The barrel oval, brief-mark in gold, adjustable back-sight, the ramrod mounted with horn, fifteen and three-quarters inches long, and weighing about one pound.

The Dagger.

> A left-hand dagger inverted fig pommel with facets, upward curling quillons of octagonal sections, the end of quillons and the top of the pommel finished with silver and engraved with scrolls; single ring guard containing a pierced shell, copper wire band grip, the blade ten and a quarter inches, diamond-shaped section with square riceas. The scabbard was of wood covered with velvet and mounted with a locket. The ferrule of silver engraved with scrolls and containing brass-mounted pricker; German about 1610, from the Four-tales Juest and Nieewerkerke Collections engraved by Jules Jacquemart.

Keeper Interviewed.

The keeper of the collection, in an interview with a "Pall Mall Gazette" representative, said: "Evidence all points to the theft having been committed on Sunday, between two and five o'clock, when the galleries were open to the public.

"It was discovered on Sunday night by the warders when they came on duty. It is their work to examine everything. Two men go round with a lantern and examine the collection.

"They came on duty at 10.30, and discovered that the two articles had been stolen ten minutes later.

"The stolen articles were screwed to the wall in Gallery 5, which is one of the armouries. Many of the articles are under glass, but these were not.

"Considerable force must have been used to get the stolen exhibits off the wall.

Value to Thief.

"An ordinary thief would only get two or three pounds for them, but if the theft was made for a collector there is no knowing what price could be obtained."

"It is difficult to place a value upon the stolen things. All I can say is that 4,000 francs was paid in 1865 for the dagger which was stolen, and a sword.

"The stolen articles could easily have been carried out of the building concealed under an overcoat."

First Experience of Kind.

This is the first time a theft from the Collection has taken place.

About twelve months ago a miniature which was fastened to the wall in the National Portrait Gallery was stolen and the case was never traced.

P.M.G.' RACING SUCCESSES

The Special Course Selection in the Lunch Edition of the "Pall Mall Gazette" for the last six days has been as follows:—

Wed.	Silvo	Lost	—
Thurs.	Have a Care	Won	4—1
Sat.	Flight's Fancy	Lost	—
Sat.	Filght's Fancy	Lost	—
Mon.	Hairpin II.	N.R.	—
Tues.	Benediction	Won	6—1

Winning points — 14

WINDOW SLASHERS BUSY AGAIN.

DAMAGE AT SHOPS IN NORTH-EAST LONDON.

Several cases of malicious window damage to shop windows in the north-east district of London are reported.

On Sunday three plate-glass windows of shops in Lower Clapton-road were badly scratched by some sharp instrument, probably a glass cutter, and again yesterday two more windows—in Mare-street, Hackney—were similarly damaged.

FALSE NEWS FROM TURKEY

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sumes work to-day with a sitting of the Sub-Commission on the Exchange of Populations and Minorities.

Naturally, nothing of great importance will be attempted before the return of Lord Curzon, who is expected to-night. It would be supposed that the next step would be taken by the Turks, but so far there has been no news from Angora.

In the meantime, although many views are voiced, it is quite impossible to speculate on the future.—Reuter.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Lord Curzon and Sir William Tyrrell left for Lausanne at 11.50 this morning.—Reuter.

H.M.S. IRON DUKE.

COMMANDER ARRIVES AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

MALTA, Tuesday.

Vice-Admiral Sir Osmond de Brock arrived to-day at Constantinople on board H.M.S. Iron Duke.

The other ships which left Malta with him are apparently remaining at Chanak, where they arrived last Saturday and Sunday.—Reuter.

BOERS AS POLICEMEN.

The question of the eventual reorganisation of the Turkish police force is being much discussed in foreign quarters in Constantinople.

In view of the fact that the European neutrals are likely more or less to range themselves with the Allies in questions affecting foreign interests in Turkey, and that, therefore, in Turkish eyes the same objections would apply to them as to the Allies, the interesting suggestion is put forward, says Reuter, that Dutch Transvaal Boers should be employed.

LYING NEAR GAS OVEN

FORMER BANK MANAGER'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

SAVED BY CHILDREN

At Bedford Quarter Sessions to-day John Bowman, aged sixty, formerly manager of the Bank of Madras, from which position he retired on a pension of £600 per annum, pleaded guilty to attempting to commit suicide.

It was stated that he was found by his children lying close to a gas oven with the gas turned on.

He was bound over.

POLICE VINDICATED.

"There is not one scrap of proof of the charge made against the police," exclaimed Mr. Hay Halkett, at Lambeth, when he was called upon to deal with the case of Arthur Charles Hewett, twenty, a silver polisher.

When Hewett was charged yesterday with being drunk and disorderly, the prisoner declared that he was sober when taken into custody, but that all the police officers who dealt with him were drunk.

When the case was resumed, Sub-Divisional Inspector Walmesley said he understood that Hewett was under treatment at King's College Hospital for mental trouble.

Mr. Hay Halkett: That may account for the whole thing.

He fined Hewett 10s.

GREAT FLOODS IN FRANCE.

LAUNDRY SWEPT AWAY, AND BRIDGE UNDER WATER

HOSPITAL SWAMPED.

BARGES CARRIED AWAY BY TORRENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The recent stormy weather has had disastrous results, having caused a number of rivers to overflow their banks, and floods are reported from many districts.

The Seine, hitherto relatively low, has started rising rapidly, a rise of fifteen centimetres in two hours being recorded. The water is beginning to cover the quays of the wine port of Bercy, just above Paris, and stocks are being hurriedly removed.

Worst Known.

The Rhone is in flood at Lyons and has covered the lower quays.

The greatest damage, however, is reported from the region of Nantes, where the Sevre is in full flood. The rise of the water was exceedingly rapid, and such a flood has not been experienced within the memory of its inhabitants along its banks; the water is already eighteen inches deeper than in 1906.

Factories Damaged.

At Clisson the water rushed over the lower quarters of the town with such rapidity that washing hanging in the gardens was swept away, chicken and rabbits were drowned, and much damage was caused in factories and warehouses, where there was not time to remove the goods.

A laundry by the bank of a tributary, was swept away, and at La Moine one bridge over the Sevre is completely submerged and the parapet has been destroyed.

The ground floor of the hospital at Clisson is under water, and it is impossceible to cook for the patients.

Barge in a Street.

At Blain, after violent rain, the canal from Nantes to Brest rose 3ft. in an hour, the water rushing over the locks. A barge was carried by the flood water into a street, where it now lies, and a number of laundry barges broke their moorings and were carried down by the torrent, crashing into everything in their course.

The train service between Nantes and Chateaubri and has been interrupted as a result of the floods.

Snow storms are making communication difficult in Eastern France. In the neighbourhood of Briancon there is more than 6ft. of snow, and the wind is blowing with unusual violence.

Telegraph Posts Buried.

Communication with Grenoble by the Lautaret Pass is interrupted, and also communication with Italy over th eMont Genevre Pass. Even sledge transport is impossible in some districts round Briancon, and the telegraph posts over the Lautaret are completely buried in the snow. Avalanches have occurred in many districts.—Reuter.

LATEST WILLS.

Probate of the wills of the following have been granted:—

The Duchess of Albany, of Claremont, Esher, who died September 1, leaving £177,312.

Mrs. Caroline Alice Cobbold, of Oaklands, Ipswich, who died November 2, leaving £101,500.

Mr. William Crooke, of Shenfield Common, Brentwood, who died August 19, leaving £41,469.

Fourteen hours late, owing to the four days' gales, the Dutch Indies liner Oranje Nassau arrived at Plymouth to-day.

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MURDER GANG'S 116 CRIMES.

SIX WOMEN IN BAND OF THIRTEEN.

APPALLING STORY.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

HELSINGFORS, Monday.

Kotoff, aged thirty-seven, a man of fine physical appearance, and Mlle Vinokourova, a beautiful girl, are the central figures on trial now before the Moscow Revolutionary Tribunal for one of the most appalling series of murders ever heard of, even in Soviet Russia.

Kotoff and his dark-haired companion have confessed to the leadership of a band of thirteen, six of whom are women, responsible for at least 116 murders.

An erstwhile leader of the gang, named Morozoff, was murdered by the gang itself out of jealousy for his record.

The gang have operated between Moscow and the provinces ever since a Soviet Government was formed.

Victims' Heads Chopped Off.

Their practice has been to enter houses, murder the inmates by chopping off their heads, and then rifle the premises.

Rigorously adhering to the rule that dead men tell no tales, they then shadowed the receivers of the loot, and when sufficient money was made from the proceeds they murdered the receivers and the whole of their families.

Many of the gang were dealt with in this manner, and probably Kotoff would have exterminated all his confederates but for his capture.—Central News.

An Exchange message says that Kotoff, Vinokourova, and eight members of the band have been sentenced to death.

TRAGEDY OF "NO LUCK."

SUICIDE OF OFFICER WHO COULD NOT GET A SHIP.

"I don't think he did it," exclaimed Mrs. Roberts, of Chestnut-avenue, Hampton, as she left the witness chair, at an inquest on her son, Vincent Seymour Roberts, aged twenty-two, a mercantile marine officer, at Hampton Hill, to-day.

Mrs. Roberts had just described how she found her son's walking stick in the garden on Saturday morning, and, going into a shed, saw him there lying dead.

Her son had been depressed because he had not been able to obtain employment.

On Friday last he went to the City, again hoping to make an appointment, but when he returned he said he had had no luck.

He had suffered from malaria since he had returned from the war, and this had caused him to be depressed.

It was stated in evidence that deceased had a bullet wound in the temple, and that a revolver was lying between his legs.

A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

TO-NIGHT'S BROADCASTING PROGRAMME.

The British broadcasting programme for to-night is as follows:—

5 to 5.45.—Children's Stories; Miss Irene Cryer (Soprano); Mr. Maurice Cole (Solo Pianoforte)—Etude in C sharp Minor, Op. 25, No. 7 (Chopin), Etude de Legato (Moszkowski), and "Shepherd Fennel's Dance" (Balfour-Gardiner).

6.30 to 7.—Orchestra.—March, "On the Quarter Deck" (Alford); Overture, "Peter Schmoll" (Weber); and Intermezzo, "Merry Playmates" (Howgill).

7.—News.

7.30 to 8.45.—Orchestra.—Incidental Music, "Monsieur Beaucaire" (Rosse); Mr. Norman Long (Humour at the Piano); Orchestra—Entr'acte, "La Cinquantine" (Gabriel-Marie); and Selection, "L'Enfant Prodigue" (Wormser); Mr. Edward Dykes (Bass); Orchestra—Two Little Dances (Finck).

8.25.—Orchestra—Dance Music, Foxtrot, "The Sheik"; One Step, "She walks in her husband's sleep"; Valse, "Swanee River Moon"; Foxtrot, "Jimmy"; Foxtrot, "Stumbling."

9 to 9.15.—Miss Hebe Simpson (soprano)—"My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair" (Haydn) and "The Lamb" (Landon Ronald); Mr. Maurice Cole (solo pianoforte)—Impromptu in F sharp (Chopin) and Scherzo in B flat minor (Rosenbloom); Mr. Edward Dyke (bass).

9.30.—News.

9.50 to 10.30.—Orchestra.—Suite, "Woodland Pictures" (Fletcher); Miss Hebe Simpson (soprano)—"The Dancing Lesson" (Oliver) and "Little Bunch of Snowdrops" (M. Phillips). Orchestra—Intermezzo, "Penelope's Garden" (Ancliffe); Mr. Norman Long (Humour at the Piano); Orchestra—"Wayside Sketches" (Minchin). At the piano, Mr. L. Stanton Jefferies.

Newcastle "B" Station (400 metres).—6.30 to 8.—Children's stories, news, concert.

YOUTH'S LUCK.

LOADED REVOLVER AND AN ALLEGED THREAT.

WEAPON OUT OF ORDER

Raymond Loe, aged seventeen, living with his father at Earlsfield-road, Wandsworth, was charged before Mr. Cancellor at the South-western police-court, to-day, with the theft of a five-chambered revolver.

He pleaded "Guilty."

Detective-sergeant Foley said the lad had been employed as a house boy to Dr. Neville, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, and the revolver was stolen from a bedroom there.

He had been heard to say he was going to do his father in.

Strange and Full of Vice.

On Monday the father noticed him standing with his arm behind his back. Suspecting him, he at once seized him, and found him grasping in his hand the revolver, partly loaded with two cartridges.

"I would not have cared," he said later, "if I had done him in."

Witness added that the revolver was out of order.

"That is a piece of luck which he probably did not foresee," remarked the magistrate.

The father attended, and said he thought his son was of weak intellect.

He was very strange and full of vice.

He was remanded for the doctor's report.

THIEF IN LAVATORY.

SCENE AT ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

Following a number of complaints of thefts at the Royal Automobile Club, a special watch was kept, with the result that a smartly dressed man was caught picking pockets in the members' lavatory.

Giving the name of Frederick Jackson, aged thirty-six, and describing himself as a bookmaker, of no fixed abode, he was sentenced, at Bow-street police-court to six months' hard labour, for stealing a wallet containing £4 in notes and a contract note belonging to Mr. Alexander Tchighianoff, a merchant, of Upper Park-road, N.W.

Frank Wyatt, a private inquiry agent, stated that on Monday afternoon, from behind a screen in the lavatory of the Royal Automobile Club, he saw the accused take the wallet from the prosecutor's pocket.

Detective-sergeant Hawkes said that the accused was a constant associate of thieves, and had been convicted of similar thefts at hotels and railway stations in Liverpool and Glasgow.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP MONUMENTS OF FAMOUS GERMANS.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

According to a telegram from Halle, an attempt was made last night to blow up the big monumental group there composed of an equestrian statue of the Emperor William I. and monuments to Moltke and Bismarck.

As a result of the explosion the Moltke statue fell into the basin of the fountain.

Attempts to blow up the Victory column in front of the post office and also the home of a well-known banker were frustrated by the police.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

NEW CASE SUSPECTED AT KENSINGTON.

One fresh suspect case of smallpox from Kensington was reported yesterday.

Twelve persons are now under treatment in London.

SMYRNA LOOTING GOES ON.

The extent to which looting is being carried on at Smyrna can only be explained on the ground that it is either encouraged by the Kemalist Administration or that the latter tolerates it rather than face the results that any attempt to stop it might have, especially among the troops, the bulk of whom, it is believed, got, when they entered Smyrna, the first square meal they had for months, says a Reuter message received to-day.

The looting is being accompanied by a good deal of wanton destruction of all kinds, which is adding to the desolation already caused by the great fire.

At the same time, considerable quantities of stores of various sorts are being removed to Angora by the Kemalist authorities.

The paper "Reval Bote" states, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange, that a group of Canadian industrial and commercial men have offered th Polish Government credit to the extent of ten million dollars for the purchase of agricultural implements, wool, leather, metals, etc., from Canadian firms.

TOURISTS RUSH TO LUXOR.

TRYING VIGIL OF THE TOMB GUARDS.

UNWANTED VISITORS.

Writing from Luxor, under date December 23, Reuter's special correspondent says the interest and excitement aroused by the Tutankhamen discoveries continue unabated, and a stream of visitors is pouring into Luxor from Cairo, but their curiosity cannot be gratified.

A party of fifty tourists arrived here yesterday, and Mr. Howard Carter had to deny them admission. The strain of himself and his small staff is too great to allow of the admission of any but a few Egyptian notables and journalists to view the treasure.

Mr. Carter has either to be on duty himself or one of the two other members of the staff has to take his place.

Four Padlocks.

The atmosphere of the tomb is too stifling for anyone to remain there for any length of time. If the tomb were left unguarded for a moment there would certainly be attempts at robbery, and Mr. Carter and his staff can trust no one.

Heavy baulks have to be put in place at night, and the entrance securely closed and locked with four padlocks.

At present Mr. Carter is concentrating his attention on preserving, tabulating, and transporting the find, and does not wish to be disturbed by visitors.

TRADE UNION'S MOTOR LAUNCH

The Transport and General Workers' Union have celebrated the New Year by launching their first motor-boat, which is probably the first of its kind owned by a Trade Union for use in connection with its business.

She carries her own flag—red ground, a white circle, and "T. G. W. U." in black.

OPERATIC SINGER'S RETURN.

"SAMSON AND DELILAH" SUCCESS.

Last night Frederic Blamey returned to the operatic stage (at Covent Garden), from which he has been absent some time.

The opera was "Samson and Delilah," one of those in which he made his first successes. His voice has improved, and is also steadier than it was.

The Delilah was Mme. Edna Thornton. Often as she has sung it, there is nothing perfunctory about her performance, and last night her voice sounded almost richer than ever.

It was, in fact, a very good performance all round, including the smaller parts.

Fine Moments.

One of these, that of the Aged Hebrew, was entrusted to Mr. Norman Allin, whose beautiful delivery made the short scene one of the finest moments of the opera.

Mr. Robert Parker was an emphatic High Priest, but though his incisiveness is a point gained on the dramatic side, there are moments when it has to be paid for musically.

Mr. Frederic Collier did well in the short part of Abimelech.

Mr Percy Pitt conducted. As usual, the second act roused the most enthusiasm, the applause being most prolonged.

E. E.

EX-SULTAN'S JOURNEY.

START FOR MECCA ON H.M.S. AJAX ON FRIDAY.

MALTA, Tuesday.

The ex-Sultan of Turkey, who is proceeding to Mecca, will, it is understood, embark on H.M.S. Ajax either to-morrow or Thursday.

The Ajax will sail on Friday.—Reuter.

AMERICA AND THE DEBTS.

MR. MONTAGUE NORMAN'S SECRET MISSION.

VISIT LAST APRIL.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The Washington correspondent of the "Times" learns, on high authority, that Mr. Montague Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who is now en route for the United States, was in Washington last April, and saw Mr. Harding, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Mellon, Mr. Morgan, and other members of the Government and bankers, concerning debt funding and the financial situation in Europe.

The visit was kept secret, and official comment was not obtainable, but it is reported that Mr. Norman urged the United States to interest iself in European affairs, and to use its good offices towards a solution of the European tangle.—Reuter.

STRANGLED BABY IN WEST END.

VERDICT OF MURDER AGAINST SOME PERSON UNKNOWN.

A verdict of "Wilful murder by some person unknown" was returned at an inquest at Westminster to-day on the body of a newly-born child.

The body, that of a male, was found by a constable in Dering-street, New Bond-street, in a gutter.

It was wrapped in a copy of a daily paper of December 21, and a post-mortem examination showed, according to the evidence, that death was due to strangulation, and that there was a double fracture of the skull, caused by direct violence.

FOUND IN THE THAMES.

The body of the man found in the Thames at Lambeth, yesterday, has been identified as that of Percy Baldwin, of South Norwood.

The inquest will be held on Thursday.

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HINTS FOR RIVIERA VISITORS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL AND CHOICE OF HOTELS.

TRAPS TO AVOID.

By DUNCAN SWANN.

To gain the full benefit of a trip to the Riviera a little practical knowledge is essential, since each resort on the Côte d'Azur presents a different aspect to the visitor. Go to Cannes for sport, to Nice for the sophisticated pleasures of a city, to Monte Carlo for all that Monte Carlo implies in the way of restaurants and roulette.

And first of all as to the journey. Places on the "luxe" that runs straight through from Calais cost £4 apiece each way, and have to be reserved weeks ahead. Now, berths on the "Rapide," leaving the Gare de Lyons, in Paris, nightly at 8 o'clock, can be obtained for 20 francs, applications only being permitted a fortnight in advance.

Prudent Precautions.

True, the "luxe" reaches Cannes at 10.30 a.m., while the "Rapide" is not due till 2.30 p.m., but the journey is just as comfortable, one sees more of the scenery, and the P L M. offices in Piccadilly will make all arrangements. Another word of advice.

The prudent traveller will conclude negotiations with his hotel as to the price of rooms before departure Otherwise he will be at the mercy of the proprietor, and, instead of paying 60 francs a day for a room with a south aspect (an essential condition), inclusive of all meals, will find himself charged 100 francs or more.

At Cannes the best hotel for the exponent of tennis or golf is the Beau Site, since it possesses three first-class courts, and runs a motor-'bus daily to the course at La Laponte, some four miles distant.

Cannes' Casino.

The Bellevue adjoining is equally good, and a tram goes past it to within a short distance of the club house. For those who want, in W. S. Gilbert's words, to "do nothing in particular and do it very well," there are the Grand and the Carlton Hotels on the Croisette, the palm-bordered promenade by the Mediterranean. A smaller, but very popular, house is the Mont Fleuri, on the land side of the railway.

The Casino at Cannes is the last word in luxury, the charge for dinner on gala nights being 200 francs a head. To join the Cercle, as the private rooms for baccarat and Chemin-de-fer are called, a visiting-card has to be shown, as, indeed, it must be to gain admittance to the club at Nice, and the Casino and Sporting Club at Monte Carlo.

No traveller to the Riviera should fail to take a supply of these pasteboard credentials with him, as possession of them saves an infinitude of trouble, for they are accepted without demur by all the authorities as a proof of social eligibility.

Hotels for Every Purse.

Nice, largely patronised by Parisians, is convenient as a halfway house between Monte Carlo and Cannes. There is good golf at Cagnes, six miles away, but a car is a necessity, as the train service is very inadequate, and necessitates an unreasonably early start.

There are hotels to suit every purse at Nice, the Ruhl, Negresco, and Royal, on the far-famed Promenade des Anglais, being the most expensive. Nice caters for cosmopolitans with taste.

In restaurants it boasts the London House, one on the jetty with clematis clustering over its walls, "La Belle Meunière," in the Rue Cotta, that no one should miss patronising, and a first-rate one in the Casino.

The Nice Carnival.

It has a fine Opera, the Eldorado Music Hall, Olympia for light comedies, and a supper resort, Maxim's, the equal of any in Paris for the gay scenes it presents. Besides numerous race meetings on the picturesque racecourse by the river Var, Nice has its carnival at the end of January, and all who can should see once in their lives.

The procession of cars, the masked ball, or Veglioni, at the Opera House, and the Redouts in the hall of the Casino are unique spectacles.

Beaulieu, with its Hotel Bristol, Restaurant de la Reserve, in my humble judgment the most attractive spot for lunch or dinner on the whole coast, and Café d'Ail, with its beautiful Hotel Eden, twenty minutes from Monte Carlo, are for the devotees of the contemplative life.

Casino Facilities.

As for Monte Carlo, whether he is staying at the Paris, Hermitage, or Metropole, the trio of hotels de luxe, or the Windsor or Prince de Galles, to which people return year after year, he should at once join the private rooms of the Casino, paying fifty francs a month for the privilege and producing his passport and visiting card. Then, with his Casino ticket and yet another card, he can, after a delay of a few hours, become a member of the Sporting Club for another fifty francs.

Membership there has these advantages. Play takes place from 4 p.m. till 5 a.m. (the Casino hours are 10 30 to midnight), dinner at a fixed price of twenty-five francs a head is served in a charming restaurant, and the club has its own dances in the afternoon and evening at the Park Palace

Tranquillity.

The lover of good food in quiet surroundings will take many meals at the Restaurant Ré up the hill, with Ré himself supervising the proceedings. The Carlton is the night resort par excellence, Orestes being entertaining for dinner. On gala nights the little Trianon will keep the amused visitor up to the small hours. Besides these are there not Ciro's and the Café de Paris?

With the above facts at his disposal the visitor to the Riviera should enjoy himself as much on that enchanted coast as I have done in the past and hope to do again in the future.

AUCTIONS.

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On view day prior to Sale. Catalogues free on application. Westbourne Galleries.

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DEBENHAM, STORR, and SONS (Ltd.) will SELL by AUCTION, at their Rooms, King-street, Covent Garden, on MONDAY, Jan. 8, and following days, at Twelve, FORFEITED PROPERTY, comprising jewellery, Watches, Plate, Wearing Apparel, and Miscellaneous Effects, pledged or upon which loans have been effected by special contract under the Act of Parliament, in months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December, in the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and in years prior to 1919, with the following pawnbroker, viz., Mr. Reynolds, Bath, and goods deposited with him as security for loans the periods of which have expired, and other effects. Catalogues gratis.

QUEEN'S BROKEN ARM

DUTCH RULER'S MOTHER HAS A BAD FALL.

THE HAGUE, Monday.

The Queen-Mother had a fall on Sunday night in her Palace in the Lange Voorhout, and broke a bone in her left arm.

There is happily every hope that her Majesty will soon recover, and to-night she was able to be present at a family dinner at which she entertained Queen Wilhelmina, the Prince Consort, and Princess Juliana.—Reuter.

SOVIET CO-OPERATORS.

BRANCH TO BE OPENED IN PARIS THIS WEEK.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, Monday.

There is to be opened this week in Paris a branch of the All Russian Co-operative Society, Ltd.

It is to be managed by M. Levinsky. He has been acting as assistant to M. Skoboleff, a former Kerensky Minister, who has been acting for the Soviet Government in Paris in a commercial capacity since last year.

The French Government has no objection to the presence of the Arco's branch in Paris on the understanding that it does not engage in politics.

MOTOR BANDIT'S DASH.

VALUABLE JEWELS SNATCHED FROM SHOP.

WILD SHOTS.

PURSUERS HELD OFF AT REVOLVER'S POINT.

MARSEILLES, Monday.

Marseilles was thrilled this afternoon by motor bandits.

In broad daylight a man dashed into a jeweller's establishment in the town and snatched two valuable necklaces.

He darted out into a waiting motor-car, in which sat another man and the chauffeur

The car sped off at a terrific speed, the other occupant standing upright with a revolver in each hand shooting wildly at the people and chasing police.

Constables on point duty made random shots at the car as it sped by.

No one was injured, and the car was found abandoned outside the town this evening.—Central News.

SCOTTISH PLAYERS.

GROCK AND DORIC AT THE COLISEUM.

Quite a good wee play after its own fashion, "A Valuable Rival," by Neil F. Grant, which brought the Scottish National Players to the Coliseum yesterday, suffered under two disadvantages.

One of these was exactly the same trouble that interfered with the opening performance of France's indubitable "national players"—the members of the Comédie Française company. This was the choice of an essentially intimate, conversational playlet for a huge theatre where only broad effects can hope to carry their full honours.

The other was that the trio of Scots, with their very modest little bit of click-clack over a breakfast-table, pleasantly, but not sensationally received, came immediately before Grock. The greatest clown of our (and, possibly, of any) time—welcomed with the usual and deserved tornado of enthusiasm—made one simply forget that anything else had happened!

"A Valuable Rival."

On the other hand, if "A Valuable Rival" had been presented in a little theatre, and if the clouds of glory trailed from Balmoral had not led to rather strained expectations, I should have hailed it as a capital little Scottish trialogue.

It tells, in good Scots, how Jameson, the pawky old editor of a Scottish newspaper, after crushing two opponents, positively encouraged a young fellow who had started yet another rival newspaper

So much so, that when Jameson could have ruined the young man by revealing an otherwise forgotten indiscretion, he tore up the telltale letter, and was obviously not unpleased that his daughter showed signs of tender interest.

Mr. Andrew P. Wilson.

The reason of it all was that the old man felt renewed youth in the arrival of a foeman worthy of his steel, and, so far from regretting such rivalry, found it a tonic.

The whole thing has the true Scots spirit in it—that limitless and sometimes justified self-confidence which is the true Scotsman's ultimate secret There is a fine grit, too, about both old Jameson (Mr. Andrew P. Wilson) and young Bain (Mr. R. B. Wharrie) which makes them fresh, genuine, and racial, and to that extent, at any rate, "national."

Mr. Wilson—a Scot, for all his second name of Patrick and his dalliance at one time with the Irish players—spoke the true Doric with so right an accent that some of the best of many canny lines must have sounded like a foreign language to more distant southern listeners. Miss Elliot C. Mason betrayed herself a braw lassie as Maggie, the daughter; but had not much scope for more.

S. R. L.

"METROLAND."

A YEAR'S HOUSE AND LAND SALES.

Mr. H. Gibson reports that there has been a fair demand for properties during the past year in the three estates controlled from Baker-street Station comprising the Metropolitan Railway Surplus Lands, the Metropolitan Railway Country Estates, Ltd., and the Wembley Park Estate Company, Ltd.

The total sales for the year amount to £91,927, made up as follows:—

Sales of land, £36,132;
Sales of houses, £28,005;
Sales of ground rents, £12,840; and
Shops and business premises, £14,950.

ITALY SETTLES DOWN

MUSSOLINI'S NEW YEAR HOPES.

METHODS OF DISCIPLINE

ROME, Monday.

Signor Mussolini, the Premier, to-day received the members of the Cabinet and Under-Secretaries, who presented their New Year greetings.

Signor Rossi, the doyen of the Ministers, made a speech in which he paid a tribute to Signor Mussolini, who declared that the great majority of the nation fully sympathised with the work of the Government, and that the people were settling down again to methods of discipline which he was determined to enforce.

He desired to secure attainment for the legitimate aspirations of the Italian nation, and he felt sure that, by carrying out the programme of the Government, and by that alone, Italy could hope to become once more a powerful and prosperous country.

The Premier's speech was received with much applause.

General Diaz then conferred upon Signor Mussolini the insignia of the Military Cross of Merit, and the commemorative campaign medal, in the name of the victorious army and of those who died for their country.—Reuter.

UNDER THE HAMMER.

After the season's fitful fever, one can survey the business, now vanishing into the dim perspectus, with some sense of proportion. The intervals of quietude that occurred during the year created little disturbance of mind. On the other hand, fever rose to great heat when one or two "collections" brought "our American Cousin" on the scene. On these occasions British judgment was completely upset and national pride lowered.

Not all our "pretty ones" were butchered to make an American holiday. The gems of Holly Lodge, the treasures of Cassiobury, the masterpieces of Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Adam, and Sheraton compelled our allegiance, and our pockets obeyed.

Modern craftsmanship only exalts the craft of 150 years ago, but present-day cabinet makers exhibit the skilful imitations which were accepted in the auction rooms with marks of approval. There have been many examples of these reproductions that have fully justified the praise bestowed upon them.

Many examples of the Victorian period of paintings fetched quite good prices, while many copies of old masters were seen on the walls. A copy of the Venus came into the Court to have the compensation assessed for a slight damage done to the picture, for which a claim was made for £1,500, which the jury, like that of the Bardell v. Pickwick case, cut in half. A similar copy skyed on the walls of a West End auction room was offered to the writer for 30s., while a third copy went all over the kingdom on exhibition

Of porcelain a whole volume could be written, the record of sales is so vast. The gamut was surely sounded in prices from a few to 6,000gns., a sum given for a pair of Dresden figures, which remained on the dealers' hands for a brief period only.

Amazement sits on us at the bulk of Persian carpets cast into the market. There was no auction room in the metropolis without its share of these pictures in fabric. For £8 to £10 a good stretch of these delightful goods could be had any day in the week. Laid on a plain block flooring, they form the marquetry design, and are ever so bewitching. When the Americans flooded this country with trashy Axminsters at 2s. 6d. a yard, they let in the Persian, and ever since they have held us captive to their honeyed goods.

One house at the West End quite recently sold upwards of £1,000 worth in one afternoon, mainly in decent lengths at sums of £8 and £10 a piece.

Referring to the Oriental ware so abundantly displayed in the Argyll Galleries, one is struck with the exquisite workmanship of the Japanese.

Pearls, diamonds, and other precious stones were as plentiful as blackberries in August. Often the sale of these gems would run into thousands in one short afternoon in open competition. Jewellery sales were continuous, a constant sight might be witnessed of a youth showing numerous silver watches hanging by a string like onions on a rope, but before he has completed the circuit, the lot is knocked down. It seems an outrage of the proprieties to treat silver watches as vegetables, but custom is a great foe to the proprieties.

The latest issue of "Surplus" contains the same eighty pages of description of Government stores, notwithstanding the recent disposal of one of the biggest catalogues of property yet seen, representing value to the extent of millions. One of the pages of "Surplus" announces that river steamers, barges, launches, and miscellaneous craft, remaining unsold and lying at Basrah, are now for immediate disposal. Here is an opportunity for barter. Persia should exchange her rugs for this miscellaneous craft. The employment of the word "immediate" implies a resolve to realise instead of waiting for top prices which come to nobody.

WELL-KNOWN DOCTOR'S DEATH.

Dr. Herbert Ashley Gaitskell, ophthalmic surgeon to the Southend Corporation and a member of the Röntgen Society, also late senior house surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London, died at a Westcliff nursing home yesterday after a brief illness.

Eight hundred and five inquests, held during the past year by Mr. Walter Schroder, coroner for Central London, included two cases of murder, one manslaughter, one hundred suicides, and four on the bodies of persons who had been executed.

"Pall Mall Gazette" Special Column

THE FALLACY OF STIMULANTS.

THE CASE FOR DISCONTINUANCE.

The recent article on the above subject having attracted such widespread attention, it is proposed to continue these announcements in the "Pall Mall Gazette" from time to time. They are not intended either to be a mere denunciation of drink or an appeal for universal abstinence, for the former only excites resentment among the temperate and the latter is admittedly impracticable.

This article is written in no fanatical or proselytising spirit; it aims rather at a judicial consideration of facts. The man who is independent of alcohol is at least safe from all the dangers that lurk in the cup. He is undoubtedly a healthier man and *cæteris paribus* a stronger one.

The Effect on the Brain.

The effect of prolonged and persistent alcoholic habits on the brain is a train of symptoms which may be said to begin with loss of nerve and judgment, and to end in mental and moral imbecility, taking the victim a pilgrimage through horrors that only doctors and those who are unfortunate enough to witness them can realise.

Alcohol is no use to brain workers, and if a man can only draw inspiration from the whisky bottle, it is far better for himself—and perhaps for the world too—that he should remain uninspired.

The Case for Discontinuance.

If he has no "splashes" of excitement, no "good times" such as the initial stage of alcoholic stimulation provides, he has, to balance this, no fits of depression and no reaction following those periods, but a uniform state of "mens sana in corpore sano." If he is naturally a strong, healthy man he will, if he lives aright, produce within himself such a state of stimulation that he will laugh at the idea of such an artificial prop as a glass of wine.

Self-Reliance.

He will rely on himself for stimulation. He won't ever suffer from nerves or "fits of the blues," nor will his hand be ever a little shaky in the morning; nor will his tongue look like a country road after the rain. Nor will he be ashamed to look his breakfast in the face. His brain and eye will always be clear, and he will forget he was ever possessed of that mythical product of alcoholic civilisation—a weak heart. He won't need a little sleep after dinner, but will always feel bright and active, and best of all, he will be quite free from those dangers which, unsuspected by the many, have nevertheless brought to the lowest pitch of degradation many of the strongest, cleverest, and noblest minds of the race.

The Turvey Treatment.

The Turvey Treatment, established over 25 years, is advocated in all cases where the discontinuance or reduction of alcoholic stimulants is desired. In addition to eradicating entirely the craving and totally obviating the necessity for stimulants and establishing a lasting antipathy to alcohol, it has a characteristically recuperative and beneficial effect upon the general health and nervous system. The Treatment is taken at the patient's own home without the slightest inconvenience or interference with business or the ordinary routine of daily life.

Readers desiring fuller information as to the methods and treatment of the Association should call or write to the Medical Superintendent, British Turvey Treatment Association, 2, Harewood-place, Oxford-circus, W.

Callers can be seen at the Association's Consulting Rooms any day between 10 and 5.30, when full particulars and advice will be gladly given.

No Harassing Routine.

Unlike most other associations or public bodies, the Turvey Association has no harassing routine or formality to which sufferers from inebriety naturally object.

You consult the Association as you would consult your own private family physician. Perhaps this is one reason why so many men and woman of position and refinement addicted to the immoderate use of alcohol or drugs have so willingly subjected themselves for treatment; such a subjection, of course, assisting more rapidly to bring about a positive and lasting cure.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE TRAGEDY.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED BY CYCLIST.

MURDERER'S WISH

FORMER LOVER FOUND SHOT DEAD.

The deaths of a young woman and her former lover, a miner, took place this morning as the result of a shooting affair.

The woman, Rose Goodyear, last night went to a whist drive and dance at Swillington, a little town in the Barkston Ash division of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

She left for home at about two o'clock this morning, accompanied by a woman friend and her young man.

New Year's Wish and a Shot.

As the party reached the end of Bullerthorpe-lane they were overtaken by a man on a cycle, who called out to Miss Goodyear, "A happy New Year."

The cyclist stopped and went back a few yards. Then a shot was heard and Miss Goodyear collapsed.

The cyclist jumped on his machine and rode away.

The young woman was carried to a barn, and when a doctor came he found she was already dead.

A hue and cry was raised for the murderer.

Dead in His Father's Garden.

Later, a miner named James Fawcett was found lying dead in the garden of his father's house at Kippax, near Leeds. He was shot through the head.

Fawcett and Miss Goodyear, it transpires, some time ago were engaged to be married, but she broke off the engagement owing to ill-health.

Since the death of her father, some six months ago, she had lived with a brother at Quality-street, Swillington.

Her mother has been dead some six or seven years

SWAM FROM RESCUERS.

SUICIDE WHO REFUSED TWO CHANCES OF LIFE.

Two chances of rescue from drowning were refused by Alfred Ernest Mann, forty-two, a Civil servant, of Jackson-street, Woolwich, upon whom an inquest was held at Greenwich this morning.

Deceased suffered from neurasthenia and insomnia, after war service as a captain in the R.F.A.

He was also depressed because bad circulation in his fingers prevented him writing properly.

On November 29 he jumped from the free ferryboat at Woolwich. A lifebelt was thrown to him, but he pushed it away and, swimming from the boat which went full speed after him, he was lost to sight among some barges and drowned.

Prolonged search was made for him, and the body was only found on Friday.

A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was recorded.

REFORMED.

BUT A DOWNFALL DUE TO DRINK.

Aged sixty, a man who in earlier life spent twenty years in prison, but who stated that since 1911, when he was bound over, he had done his uttermost to go straight, was given another chance by Mr. Symmons at Marylebone police-court.

He had stolen a coat while under the influence of drink.

The Magistrate: You don't wish to start these old habits again, do you?

The Defendant: No, no, sir. I had too much to drink.

The Magistrate (having intimated that the man would be placed on probation): Now, I don't expect to see you here again till 1930.

The Defendant: You will not see me then, sir.

SIR G. YOUNGER'S SUCCESSOR.

As successor to Sir George Younger, chairman of the Unionist party organisation, the Exchange understands that the name of Sir John Baird, First Commissioner of Works, is being very freely mentioned.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, a mid-day service for City men and women will be held each Wednesday during January, February and March, from 1.15 p.m. to 1.50 p.m., preceded at 1 p.m. by a short musical recital.

FLAT BURGLARY STORY

ASSAULT DENIED BY CAPTURED MAN.

SPRAINED ANKLE.

At West London police-court, Jack Roberts, thirty-eight, a painter, of no fixed abode, was committed for trial charged with being concerned in breaking into a house at Warwick-road, Kensington, on the night of December 16, stealing jewellery, and wounding Mrs Thierry, a widow, and her uncle, Mr. W. Robertson, aged seventy-three.

Mrs. Thierry, in the early morning of December 17, was roused by a noise, and, with her uncle, proceeded downstairs. They were met by three men, one of whom bludgeoned them on the head with a jemmy.

Two men escaped; the prisoner, it was alleged, was found hiding behind a settee

"Put Up to the Job."

Prisoner admitted breaking into the flat, but denied that he had anything to do with the assault.

"I don't know where the other two chaps live," he said, "but they put me up to the job. They told me there was £200 worth of jewellery in the flat. My part was to get in and let them in. I did that by slipping back the catch of the window.

"Then they came across some brandy, and started drinking. I said, 'We have not come here to drink; where's the jewellery?' They took me upstairs, and we were searching an empty bedroom for the jewellery when we were disturbed.

"In running downstairs I slipped and hurt my ankle, and could not get away. I swear I had nothing to do with assaulting anyone"

NECKLACE AND RING.

PARTIAL RECOVERY OF LOST JEWELS.

Mrs. Clarence C. Hatry, of Upper Brook-street, W., who lost a valuable pearl necklace and also a large diamond from a ring she was wearing on New Year's Eve, has now recovered part of the property.

A taxicab driver took a diamond which he had picked up in his cab to the police, and this morning Mr. Hatry went to Scotland Yard and identified the diamond as the one which his wife had lost.

The pearl necklace has not yet been found.

MISSING FUNDS AND SUICIDE.

MAN WHO WROTE: "I HAVE BEEN A SCOUNDREL."

The Hampstead coroner to-day found that John Thomas McFarlane, aged fifty-three, of Onslow House, St John's-road, Upper Holloway, killed himself by throwing himself in front of a train at Belsize Park station on Christmas Eve, but said the evidence was insufficient to show the sttae of his mind at the time

McFarlane had been treasurer of the South Islington Sick and Provident Society, a "share out" club, and it was stated that there should have been £700 on deposit at the bank, but there was only £444.

In a letter to his son McFarlane wrote:—

> I have been a scoundrel. Try and think of some of my good points, instead of the bad. Kiss mother for me. Good-bye.

FATAL SUMMONS.

HUSBAND DIES, AS WIFE COLLAPSES AS POLICE WITHDRAW CASE.

When a summons was called at Hull to-day against George Thomas Wiles, the licensee of a public-house, for permitting betting, the police stated that he had a clean record as a licensee for twenty-six years.

He was taken suddenly ill and died after the service of the summons. His wife, against whom there was also a summons, had been in state of collapse since. The police withdrew the case.

The case against three alleged bookmakers for frequenting the premises collapsed on account of insufficient evidence.

MORE UNEMPLOYED FOR LONDON

Two more contingents of Scottish unemployed marchers—one from Partick and another from Clydebank—are on their way to London, and are expected to arrive to-morrow.

This was the statement made to-day by Mr. W. Hannington, the national organiser of the Unemployed Movement.

He sai dthat the Council of Action of the unemployed are meeting to consider future movements, and a statement may be issued later.

MUSICWORLD'S TRIBUTE TO MARGARET COOPER

LARGE GATHERING AT FUNERAL SERVICE.

"A LIVING MEMORY."

Despite the inclement weather, a very large congregation assembled at Golder's Green Crematorium to-day for the funeral service of Miss Margaret Cooper, the noted entertainer.

The Rev. West Taylor, of Christ Church, Brondesbury, officiated.

The service was fully choral, Mr. F. W. Belchamber being at the organ, and the singing being led by a choir from the London College of Choristers.

A violet-coloured coffin was almost completely hidden by magnificent floral tokens. The wreaths were so numerous as to require a special car to convey them to the chapel.

Those Present.

Among those present were:—

Miss Cooper's two brothers, Mr. Harry Welchman, Mr. C. Welchman, Mr. Ernest Hoggs, Mr. Webster, her solicitor; Mr. G. Humble-Crofte, her brother-in-law; several cousins, Dr. Biddle, Miss Carrie Tubb, Mr. Leonard Graves, Mr. W. Vail, Mr. Leigh Ibbs, Mr. R. P. Basted, Miss Gertrude Shrimpton, Mr. Hartley Milburn, Mr. Thomas Tell, the blind organist; Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Morgan, Mr. Edward Goodman, who, with Mr. William Boosey, represented Messrs. Chappell; Mr. W. H. Squire, Mr. J. Lindsay, Mr. Arthur Hunt, and Mr. G. B. Ramsay, representing the British Music Society.

Wreaths from Music World.

Among the wreaths was one of white heather and eucalyptus, attached to which was a card with the inscription:—

> "To a great artist, whose wonderful talent and the pleasure she gave will always remain a living memory.—Henry J. Wood and Muriel Wood, Queen's Hall, London."

Miss Ellen Terry also sent a wreath, while there were, in addition, floral tributes from Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Wright, Miss Carrie Tubb, Violet and Irene Vanbrugh, Sir Oswald and Lady Stoll, the Royal Academy of Music, Captain Coats, and Mme. Kirkby Lunn.

WHY TENTH-RATE "OLD MASTERS" SELL.

BUYING POWER IN THE WRONG HANDS.

Mr. W. G. Constable, lecturer, Wallace Collection, opening to-day's conference of Educational Associations with a paper on "The Place of Art in Social Life," said unfortunately for art the buying power was centred in the hands of those who had no real appreciation of art.

The possession of pictures was a social advantage, and many of the possessors really did not care for the things they bought.

In this way a tenth-rate old master, provided it was signed and certified, would sell for more than the work of a living artist.

Let them consider how the Press—often a true reflection of public opinion, reflected art. They could remember newspapers devoting columns a week to articles on art, but now, except for one or two papers, art was crowded down into some tiny paragraph obviously written by the office boy.

Cure for Social Evils.

Art could be made a radical cure for a great many of the social evils of to-day. They were submerged by a wave of materialism, and they had turned to economists when they ought to have gone to artists.

Art affected their social life, and was something far more positive than a refuge from the jangling stress of everyday life.

Art was rhythm, and its social value was seen in the introduction of order, arrangement, and control of every sign of life.

It would be for them to prove that art in business should pay in the long run.

What they had done in the past was to confuse the vocational and the educational value of art.

PRISON FOR PERJURY.

FALSE OATHS IN DIVORCE COURT ACTION.

Sentence of four months' imprisonment for perjury was passed by Sheriff Crole in Edinburgh Sheriff Court, to-day, on Andrew Soutar, a shipwright, of Havannah-street, Millwall.

He pleaded guilty to having deposed that he had not seen the female defender in a divorce action, whereas he had seen her and had cohobited with her at Oxford.

During a fire in the basement of a leather factory in Weston-street, Bermondsey, last evening, Fireman Lambkin was overcome by smoke and removed to hospital in an ambulance.

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A NEW THEATRE.

SOUTH KENSINGTON'S "PLAYBOX" OPENED.

The "Playbox Theatre," at South Kensington, opened its doors yesterday for the first time with two children's plays.

The first, "Maurice's Own Idea," is a charming "dream" play, in which Miss Hermione Baddeley made an excellent little boy, and Master Douglas Webster was a real live schoolboy.

The second play, entitled "Balk and the Big Head," is an original idea by Mr. Hugh Gee, the managing director of the theatre.

The hero of this weird production is a lunatic, and the princess thin, ugly, and exceedingly talkative, the king idle and foolish, and the wicked ogre merely a head.

Miss Hermione Baddeley again played the principal part. She acted wonderfully. Mr. Chad Thweng was quite amusing as the King, while Mr. Gee was very funny as his Minister.

BARGAINS IN COSTUMES.

The Englishwoman loves a perfectly tailored costume or wrap-coat, and so, if she knows her way about, always goes to Nicoll's, of Regent-street. Here a wide selection is offered you, together with fine quality of materials and workmanship. Amongst outstanding bargains at their winter sale are tweed coats and skirts priced as low as five guineas. Double-breasted overcoats in beautifully soft, lightweight wool fleeces cost even less, whilst ten guineas will purchase an exquisite fur-trimmed velour wrap-coat.

"FAT LADIES" VACCINATED.

The two fat ladies at the World's Fair, Islington, have been vaccinated.

GAS NOT MORE DEADLY

EXPERTS SAY COMPOSITION IS UNCHANGED.

FASHION IN SUICIDE.

Is gas becoming master instead of servant?

The question has been raised as a result of the many cases of poisoning now being recorded.

The statement has been made that gas to-day is more deadly and dangerous than it was, say, twenty years ago There certainly were not so many accidents then.

A "Pall Mall Gazette" representative prosecuted inquiries with the object of ascertaining if there is any foundation for the suggestion.

Much the Same.

An official of the Gas Light and Coke Company asserted that the composition of the gas used by them had not been changed. The component characteristics are precisely the same as before.

The South Metropolitan Gas Company give a similar reply. "There is no change whatsoever," was the definite answer given to the "Pall Mall" inquiry.

Why, then, the increase in fatalities? Fashion in suicide may account for some. Coroners, and those whose duty it is to investigate the subject, assert that fashion plays a no inconsiderable part in suicide dramas.

The National Institute for the Blind has just issued in Braille a text calendar for 1923, a calendar of events and phases of the moon, and a pocket calendar. One or other of these would [illegible] acceptable New Year's gift to any blind person.

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A RETAIL STORE OR SHOPS FOR EVERY 40 FAMILIES IN U.S.A.

By CALLISTHENES.

Mr. William G. Shepherd, of "Collier's Weekly," of New York, in a recent address to the Association of National Advertisers at Atlantic City, made the following observations regarding the great army of men and women employed by the great distributing houses and stores and shops in America:—

> "The man power of the United States is about 30,000,000, and 10 per cent. of this is behind counters. Nearly two-thirds of the 3,000,000 men and women behind counters are engaged in selling food and clothing. For every three farmers in the United States there is someone behind a counter. For every four workmen in the factories of the United States there is a store clerk or a store manager or a store owner waiting to sell what the workmen produce.
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> "We think we have a lot of railroad men in the United States. We have, but it takes as many store clerks standing behind counters to sell goods to us as it does men to carry these goods in transportation, to keep the railroads in repair, and to keep the rolling-stock in good condition.
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> "For every forty families in the United States there is a retail store. Struggling under this heavy burden these American families have discovered that the job cannot be done by having only one of the family at work. There are 21,000,000 families in the United States, while almost 42,000,000 men, women, and children work for wages or salaries.
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> "It actually has come about that Dad, who used to feed and clothe the old-fashioned American family of five persons, has unwittingly, in the march of economic progress, found himself unable to hold up his end of economic progress. Census figures indicate that at least one member of the family must assist Dad in keeping the retail stores in his community alive, and at that he doesn't do it.
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> "Five grocerymen out of every hundred fail every year. We all remember that John Wanamaker declared that only four out of every hundred men who go into any kind of merchandising make a success out of it. Too many Americans are trying to float on the single shingle of retailing."
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> Mr. Shepherd pointed out that the groceryman takes almost 17 per cent. out of every dollar; the meat man 19 per cent.; the hardware man 25 per cent.; the shoeman 26 per cent.; and the clothing man 24 per cent., to help him run his store.
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> "Advertising will help the consumer establish real business relations with the retailer," he went on. "It will help him or her to make the choice between the retailer who is really a public functionary rather than a bandit living on the community. Advertising will teach the public that one good store conducted by a retailer who has a sense of public service is better than a half-dozen dub stores that only light up the sidewalk at the expense of the consumers."

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A FATEFUL MEETING.

WILL PARIS BLIGHT THE NEW YEAR?

Is the latest of the innumerable Conferences upon Germany's war bill, which opens to-day, going to differ from all its predecessors in having a fruitful outcome? Much will depend upon the answer. Success would definitely confirm the brighter hopes upon which the mind of Europe is hanging. Disagreement and failure would be the signal for very dismal apprehensions.

The position taken up by this country is that Germany should be made to pay all that is possible, but that an endeavour to exact heavy instalments at once will only destroy the means of paying at all. The British Government are expected to propose a moratorium of ten years or so, with gradually increasing payments to follow. Their view is that any attempt to collect reparations from Germany just now would yield no substantial satisfaction to the Allies, while it would entail the risk of an economic collapse in Germany, and perhaps social collapse as well.

If France were to persist in trying to levy execution for tangible sums just now, she would necessarily have to act single-handed, since Great Britain would be no party to a course which she regards as a set-back to economic recovery everywhere. The consequence could not fail to be a weakening of the Entente and a darkening of the outlook in the Near East and in every sphere in which Allied unity is a consideration.

All friends of Europe may well pray for the attainment of concord in Paris.

CHEAP MURDER?

Is murder one of the things that we want to see made cheaper, like clothes and 'bus fares? That is the question involved in the Home Secretary's postponed decision upon the Ilford prisoners. Encouraged by the official delay, a campaign is being reopened for the reprieve of both these individuals.

The public ought to clear from its mind all misconceptions as to what such an act would mean. There could not have been a crime more treacherous, ruthless, or depraved than the slaughter of Mrs. THOMPSON's husband. It was no deed of sudden passion, but had been long conceived and pondered. The woman urged it persistently in a series of the most infamous letters ever read in a court of justice. The man stalked his victim in the dark and despatched him without scruple or pity.

There may be room for argument as to which was the more repulsive of the pair—the faithless, plotting wife, or her younger paramour. But there can be no difference of opinion as to the utter depravity of both. If such people are to escape the full measure of justice, there can be no justification found for hanging any murderer again. Murder, in short, will have been greatly reduced in price, and what has been the chief deterrent to its perpetration in all ages of the world will have been removed.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Ministers Without Seats:—Mr. Kidd's Position:—No Degeneracy:—France Puzzled:—Lower Fares:—Bargain Sales.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1923.

Ministers Without Seats.

Should Mr. Edward Manville's health compel him to resign his seat—Coventry—Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen will in all probability be asked to be the Conservative candidate. The Minister of Health is in London just now. I saw him yesterday at Westminster steering his way through the crowded thoroughfare immersed in the "Pall Mall Gazette."

Mr. Manville's majority at the General Election in a three-cornered fight was 4,697.

Mr. Kidd's Position.

Mr. Kidd, the Under-Secretary for Scotland, and Mr. Watson, the Lord-Advocate, are still without any immediate prospect of seats. In the case of Mr. Kidd the matter is serious, as Mr. Bonar Law is anxious that the Opposition complaint that Scotland is not directly represented in the House of Commons should not be heard when Parliament meets.

If the Under-Secretary cannot find a seat before then, his place may be taken by Captain Elliot, whose name I mentioned as marked out for office.

Unemployed Marchers.

As a demonstration the unemployed march to the offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board and the Ministry of Health was a complete fiasco, but the miserable appearance of the men, far outnumbered as they were by the police on duty, did not fail to arouse feelings of pity.

It was only when their revolutionary songs, sung to popular hymn tunes, were heard that people turned away in disgust. It was apparent from their remarks that these men regard themselves as heroes of the Communist movement, and it is very doubtful indeed whether work would be acceptable to many of them.

France Puzzled.

A friend who has had opportunities of taking a close view of Anglo-French relations tells me that our French friends are finding Mr. Bonar Law a hard nut to crack.

However much they disagreed with Mr. Lloyd George, he was at least a Celt, and they found it fairly easy to understand him.

Mr. Bonar Law puzzles them. His contempt of fine phrases, his taciturnity in comparison with Mr. Lloyd George's unending loquacity, his caution, his modesty, puzzle a good many agile brains in Paris, though there is a feeling that the new Premier is a man of his word, and that when (rather an important word in this conjunction) he can be persuaded to commit himself he will see things through.

Author and Playwright.

The news that Mr. Horace Annesley Vachell has sustained a bad fall out hunting reminds me that I met him for the first time at the close of one stalking season in Sutherland, when it was our fate to drive five-and-twenty miles from a lodge to Lairg station cheek by jowl in an open waggonette that, besides our two selves, carried her Majesty's mails.

Best known by "The Hill" among novels and by "Quinney's" among plays, Mr. Vachell finds himself on his knowledge of wines, and to hear him discourse on vintages is to be made to realise one's own ignorance on such matters. No lover of London, he is only to be found here when rehearsals compel his attendance, for his heart is in the New Forest "a' chasing the deer," or, rather, to be strictly accurate, the fox.

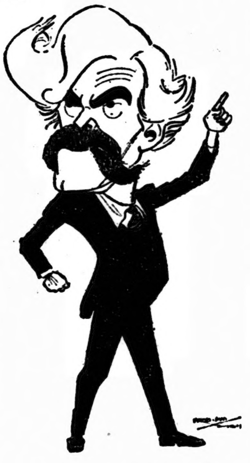
New Skating Club.

The formation of the New Prince's Ice Rink Company is a welcome sign that before long there will be a successor to the old Prince's Skating Club that, under the control of the Duchess of Bedford, was such a boon to London in pre-war days. Now converted into a garage, the club premises used to be the rendezvous of society, especially on Sundays, and its disappearance eclipsed the harmless gaiety of not a few people.

A year or two after its demise the project is mooted of a new rink in South Kensington, and, under the leadership of the Earl of Lytton, himself an enthusiastic skater, a list of prospective debenture-holders was compiled. But for some reason or other, over building costs, I believe, it fell through. Now that the idea has been revived, may it be carried through to a successful issue!

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's election to the leadership of the Labour party in the House of Commons on the eve of the opening of the last Session of Parliament did not come as a surprise.



MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

He had an established reputation as a Parliamentarian, gained when he represented Leicester from 1906 to 1918.

No Degeneracy.

What is the matter with the hierarchy of the Anglican Church, that it finds nothing but degeneracy in an age which is enduring the most acute economic depression this country has ever known with a courage and patience worthy of all praise?

How is it that Archbishops, Bishops, and Deans cannot understand how hard it is to maintain high hopes and a clear spirit when material things are at the blackest, and that after the stress of a great war?

Personally, outside a very small circle of extremists I see no signs of that gross materialism for which we are being rebuked.

Where do these people study life?

Officers for the Navy.

Some further developments are, I understand, being made in the system of providing officers for the Navy. They are in pursuance of the scheme introduced by Lord Fisher, with changes found to be necessary in the light of progress and experience.

The great object then, successfully achieved, was through a common entry to create a single corps of naval officers of like training and the same traditions. There were to be specialists undergoing their courses after service as sub-lieutenants, and the specialist lieutenants (E) (engineering) could revert to the general list and enjoy opportunities of promotion to the highest ranks of executive officers.

No Option of Reversion.

A modification of very great importance was introduced in July, 1920, when it was decided, in view of the exacting duties of the engineering branch, to withdraw altogether the option of reversion to deck duties from officers who volunteered for engineering duties.

What is now intended is to maintain the common entry, except for officers under the special scheme, but to enable the cadet, on entering upon his last term in the training ship, to apply to specialise in engineering. His branch of the Service will thus be determined at an earlier stage.

That Rear Light.

I am sure the proposal to make cyclists have rear lights will meet with general approval from motorists.

On a dark night it is almost impossible very often to see a cyclist until close on him.

I was talking to a well-known motorist in the Royal Automobile Club the other day, and he told me that there was a certain spot not far from London where three cyclists had been killed by being run into from behind.

I know this is so, as I have had some near shaves myself of nearly killing the push cyclist.

Lower Fares.

As I expected would be the case, on most suburban railway lines regular passengers find that the alleged reduction of fares does not affect them.

By maintaining their return rates, when those were less than double single, the companies have made their cuts ridiculous.

One would think that people leave their homes by train and do not return, so complacently do the companies regard their reduction of the single fare.

As a matter of fact only "returns" count, and where these have not been reduced the public has nothing for which to be thankful.

Sir Eric's Optimism.

Sir Eric Geddes, the author of the axe, has deserved well of the community; we have yet to see what Sir Eric Geddes, the author of railway amalgamation, deserves.

At the moment his optimism with regard to the future of railway management, if it is justified at all, can only be justified by inside knowledge that is not known to the man in the street.

Theoretically the great amalgamations that have taken place should be for the good of the community, but, judging by existing conditions, the community will be wise to expect little.

It seems likely to get it.

"The Little Duchess"

Mr. Robert Courtneidge is, I learn, greatly pleased at the success which is attending his new musical comedy, "The Little Duchess," at the King's Theatre, Glasgow.

It is sixty years since Mr. Courtneidge first appeared in his native city of Glasgow, and although he may be regarded as having reached the veteran stage, he has still a good many plans to work off before he bids farewell to the stage.

He has promised Clydeside theatregoers that he will produce another musical comedy in Glasgow, also a play of Shakspeare's, and "one of Scott's."

London will shortly have an opportunity of witnessing "The Little Duchess."

Bargain Sales.

The financial tightness is reflected in the immense crowds that are flocking to the bargain sales.

It may seem paradoxical to put it that way, but I should say that the more people who buy at these periodical stock clearances, the less money people have to spend.

There have always been women who saved up for these occasions, but this year both men and women seem to have waited for them, and the rush is likely to be unexampled.

Great Anthropoid Apes.

The skulls of three giant anthropoid apes, presented to Sir Arthur Keith, of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, have aroused considerable interest in scientific circles.

They were presented to the scientist by Mr. Howard Ross, Commissioner of the Southern Province, Sierra Leone. They were killed by a hunting party organised by Mr. Ross, who did not believe certain stories of atrocities attributed to "human leopards" and other secret societies.

The result has been the dissipation of these dangerous beliefs, the exposure of which the former Commissioner in this Protectorate, Captain Stanley, M.B.E., initiated.

Of these great apes (tchego), which may attain 9ft. in height, the only specimen believed ever to have been taken is in the South Kensington Museum. When adults were attacked in Sierra Leone the Government supplied the natives with a certain number of guns.

The Clubman.

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SOBER ENGLAND.

BRITONS THE LEAST DRUNKEN PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, "DRY" AMERICA NOTWITHSTANDING.

PUNITIVE TAXATION.

No review of the past year would be complete which omitted any reference to the satisfactory sobriety statistics.

So far as can be gathered to date, the old year, like its predecessor, witnessed a marked diminution of drunkenness. Returns from many of the great industrial centres will falsify the predictions of the Pussyfoots.

The fact is, of course, that we are, apart from the Mohammedans, probably the most sober people in the world, "dry" America notwithstanding.

That further restricted legislation in regard to the sale of excisable liquor is unnecessary is proved by official figures from many of the industrial areas.

A Former Black Spot.

For instance, Liverpool, once the "black spot on the Mersey," and at which for years the finger of teetotal scorn has been pointed, can now pride itself on increased sobriety.

The figures for drunkenness convictions, covering the eight months ending August 31 for 1921 and 1922, are as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1921	3,421	1,088	4,509
1922	2,799	920	3,719
Decrease ...	622	168	790

Striking Contrasts.

Take the case of Chester. It was reported of that city on October 21, 1922, that the number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness that year was only 187, compared with 1,057 in 1913.

Some of our judges have of late been commenting on the absence of the influence of drink in criminal cases. Mr. Justice Lush, at Nottingham, said that in no instance in six towns he had visited on the Midland Circuit had there been any such cause attributed for the commission of offences.

This contrast with his experience in earlier days as a judge, he remarked, was most striking.

£25,000,000 Decrease.

Another outstanding feature of the old year was the decrease of twenty-five millions in the nation's drinking bill during the first six months, as compared with the corresponding period of the year before.

During the last six months a movement for bringing about a reduction in the cost of beer by reducing the taxation on it found favour with an increasing number of members of Parliament, and a very large number of the new House of Commons are pledged to do all they can to bring about a reduction of the beer duty.

Prohibition by Dearness.

The cheaper beer question has been very much in evidence. The public are now convinced that the present punitive taxation is not altogether levied to meet the financial needs of the State.

Under the late Government "Prohibition by dearness" was no mere phantasy.

The ex-Chancellor and the present Chancellor have expressed sympathy with the consumer, and it seems possible that with the advent of the new Government a reduction may take place.

Hops and Barley.

1921 has brought misfortune to hop growers and to the barley industry. These industries are badly hit by the decreased consumption of beer and the high taxation on the national beverage.

Agriculture is passing through a period of intense depression, and the depression of barley prices and the fall in the demand for hops are contributory causes to this unhappy condition of things.

The high prices of beer and spirits are the result of the heavy taxation of the liquor. Prices have checked consumption, and consequently reduced the demands of the raw materials from which beer and spirits are manufactured.

December witnessed the inception of a combined effort on the part of the farmers, the hop growers, and the Trade to hasten on the day for relief by means of reduced taxation.

Chaotic Hours.

The chaotic condition of London's licensing hours has given rise to a renewed agitation in favour of a much-needed extension in accordance with the Licensing Act of 1921, and in the next Session of Parliament Sir Arthur Holbrook will introduce a new Licensing Bill which will aim at removing such absurdities as licensed premises on one side of Oxford-street being closed at ten whilst the public-houses and restaurants on the other side serve drinks until 11 p.m.

FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL TO PRISON

STORY OF REMARKABLE CAREER.

£1,100 A YEAR.

THEN ROUND CLUBS AND HOTELS DECEIVING FOLK.

Robert Gunter, aged thirty-nine, was sentenced at Marlborough-street to-day to nine months' imprisonment in the second division for stealing £5 by means o fa trick from Miss Eva Fenton, secretary of the Centaur Club, Clarges-street, W., and for obtaining other sums by means of worthless cheques.

A remarkable story was told concerning Gunter's career. Until he was sixteen years of age he was at a public school.

In August, 1914, he joined the A.S.C., and came home. Then, said Detective-sergeant Pearce, he went round wearing the decorations and ribbons of a major, was court-martialled and turned out of the Army.

To Canada to Enlist.

He went to Canada, enlisted as a private, and returned to France, where he rose to be sergeant-major, but was reduced in rank several times.

After the war, according to his solicitor, he became efficiency engineer to the London and General Omnibus Company at £600 a year, and eventually another berth at £1,100 a year. The firm failed, and he could not get other employment.

The police said he had gone round clubs and hotels representing himself to be a doctor. He had robbed doctors, and there were over twenty cases outstanding against him, the amounts involved varying from £2 to £100.

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TO-DAY'S TONIC TALK.

THE MAN INSIDE.

By Dr. FRANK CRANE.

We all feel that we are not actually the persons we ought to be. Somehow we never seem to get our real self expressed.

So we say that no one knows us truly, not our friends or intimates even, not the wife of one's bosom nor one's priest confessor.

A man has a certain character, dramatically speaking, to act. He has his rôle, as a business man, in society, toward his family. If he does not stick to his part, he is thought a bit crazy, he thinks so himself.

We do not accomplish what we want to, we do not live the kind of life at all that is our ideal.

The most pathetic of failures is likewise the most common, failure in self-expression.

How can I liberate myself? How can I become the man outside that I am inside?

The fetters that bind the man inside, that cramp the forthputting of the real self, are three.

Dr. FRANK CRANE.

They are (1) Fear, (2) Ignorance, and (3) Lack of Will.

"Safety first," is no rule for the soul. Security is a mere sickly fancy, and not for mortal men. Human beings are born into an environment of risk. The one thing needed for their development, and the happiness which comes only as the accompaniment of development, is danger.

Consequently the main source of our failure in achievement and of our misery in existence is fear. It keeps us from peril, and in peril alone is life.

The law of liberty is the threefold law of the mystics: Be bold—be bold—and evermore be bold.

Courage, however, without knowledge is like an engine with steam but no engineer. It means destruction. Courage is force, but force is constructive only when guided by disposing mind.

Go to breaking the laws of decency, of custom, and of the State, just to show you are not afraid, and you will land in gaol, which is where you belong.

You must know when and why to break laws. You must have intelligent principles and worthwhile convictions.

Fearlessness with ignorance is a dreadful compound.

Learn what are the great laws of cosmic goodness and beauty. Learn these by teachableness, by humility, by discipline, by loyalty to the truth alone, by disregard of custom and authority; and having learned them, fear not to follow them

Then you can get the horrible load off your back, take the open road and be free.

By getting rid of slavery to things, possessions, money, other people's opinion, expediency, conformity, love of praise, desire for station in life, and all such impedimenta, you can cease living like a packhorse or a galley slave, you can run and dance and play. The man inside will get a chance.

To arrive at this is impossible without a vigorous Will. To know, and not to do is worse than ignorance; it is spiritual prostitution.

When the man inside says "I ought," you should not only reply "I can," but swiftly "I will."

And whoever feels he ought and believes he can and yet refuses to act is worse than an ignoramus or a coward. He is a traitor.

DR. CRANE'S NEXT "TALK" WILL APPEAR TO-MORROW.

NO CUT IN SEASONS.

ALREADY ONLY 50 PER CENT. ABOVE PRE-WAR BASIS.

NO CHANGE IN PROSPECT

(By Our Own Representative.)

The "Pall Mall Gazette" is officially informed that, for the time being, at any rate, no reduction will be made in the cost of season tickets on the main railways, as stated in a morning newspaper.

It was stated to-day that holders of season tickets have nothing to complain of. The cost of such tickets is already down to 50 per cent. above the pre-war price, and it is to this basis that the ordinary fares were reduced yesterday.

Now, therefore, both are on the same level.

The matter was, however, discussed at the railway conferences before Christmas, but it was felt that no step could be taken.

DEATH AFTER CYCLE SMASH.

The injuries received by Charles Frederick Myers, twenty-six, of Lancaster-cottages, Richmond, while cycling in Chiswick High-road just after midnight on Saturday, resulted in his death in Chiswick Hospital today.

Deceased came into collision with a trade motor-car and received a fractured skull and a compound fracture of the right leg.

HAIRDRESSER AS GRAND JURY FOREMAN.

The foreman of the grand jury sworn in at the Surrey Quarter Sessions at Kingston, to-day, was an Epsom hairdresser, Mr. Sidney Page.

The death has taken place at Biggin Hill, Kent, of Mr. Hugh Dellow, who for forty-four years was a member of the London staff of the "Newcastle Chronicle." He retired in 1919.

"PALL MALL'S" RAPID CLIMB.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM A CONTEMPORARY.

"Remarkable progress is being made by the 'Pall Mall Gazette and Globe,' which from a position of some obscurity has achieved great popularity, and is now once again one of the leading papers in the world," says the trade magazine, the "Sales and Wants Advertiser."

"The paper recently published a net sales certificate which showed that its circulation is 429,786 copies per week—figures which are not inflated by sporting editions.

"The paper has now a high literary standard, and is being read by all the more influential readers.

"City men, as well as society people, are now buying the 'Pall Mall,' and its value to advertisers should be considerable. We congratulate our contemporary."

COULSDON COUNCIL CLERK'S DEATH.

News was received in Croydon to-day of the death of Mr. E. J. Gowen, Clerk to the Coulsdon and Purley Urban District Council, who left for Switzerland last Friday, and died there.

Mr. Gowen was on leave of absence on account of ill-health.

He had been Clerk to the Council since its formation in 1915. He was a member of the Departmental Committee on Building By-laws which issued its report in 1918.

SICK LIST.

Lord Kinnaird had a very restless night, but was no worse this morning.

Captain Arthur Evans, M.P., had a fairly comfortable night, and his progress was satisfactory to-day.

Mr. Albert Chevalier was going on as well as could be expected this morning.

NEW SCHOOLBOY TERROR

PICTURE OF R WORLD WITH NO STRAIGHT LINES.

A new terror for the schoolboy was revealed by Mr. W. C. Fletcher, in the course of a paper read at the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association, over which Sir Thomas Heath presided, at the London Day Training College, to-day.

Mr. Fletcher pictured a universe in which there would be no squares or rectangles, no straight lines, but only curves; no flat surfaces, but only curved surfaces, and assured his audience that the study of geometry based on these conditions was extremely fascinating.

Other papers were read by the chairman, Professor R. W. Gerese, Professor A. Lodge, and Mr. J. Brill.

It was stated in the annual report that 102 new members were elected during the year, making a total membership of 884

NATIONAL DEBT BURDEN EASED.

INTEREST REDUCED BY CONVERSION TRANSACTIONS.

In a return issued to-day on the National Internal Debt, it is stated that between March 31 and October 1 last year, debt maturing in 1922-23 to the amount of £427,970,000 had been converted into various War Loan and Treasury Bonds valued at £562,195,000.

In the United States 58,331,000 dollars worth of bonds had been converted into National War Bonds of the value of £13,567,850.

The effect of the above conversions, it is stated, has been a reduction of £892,000 per annum in the interest burden of the debt.

THAMES STILL RISING-

The Thames continues to rise, and is now 2ft. 8in., in the Chertsey and Egham area, above the summer level. A strong stream is flowing.

William Edward Regan, carpenter, of Roskill-road, Putney, was taken ill in a District Railway train, and died. At the inquest it was stated that death was due to angina pectoris.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Strong south-westerly winds generally, and a severe gale at times in exposed places, with much cloud and intermittent rain, turning in the north and west to hail or sleet showers with local thunder.

No Gratuities for Police.

Essex County Council will be recommended to discontinue the 5s. gratuities to police officers for reporting offences in connection with local taxation licences.

Clay Pipe of Woman of 102.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, mother-in-law of Mr. Harry Strickland, the proprietor of roundabouts, has died at Worcester at the age of 102. She smoked a clay pipe until a few years ago.

Blind Couple Marry.

Two members of a party of blind musicians well known in Hull, John Ellis and Ada Louisa Freeman, were married there yesterday. Both had been married before, to blind partners.

Swallowed by the Road.

A collier named Owen was walking along Duffry-road, Port Talbot, when the road opened and he fell into a chasm 18ft. deep and 15ft. wide. He was rescued just as the sides of the pit were closing on him.

London 'Bus Fatality.

A boy named William Hodston, aged eight, of Hermes-street, Pentonville, N., was run over by a motor-omnibus when crossing Pentonville-road last evening, receiving injuries to the head which proved fatal

Austria's Civil Service Cuts.

According to an official statement, the first part of the League of Nation's requirements has been fulfilled by the fact that, by the last of December, the Austrian Office force had been reduced by more than 25,000.

Motor Waggon in a River.

A steam motor-waggon containing barrels of beer fell over a bridge into a river near Accrington yesterday, and the driver, William Wareing, who was thrown into the river and pinned under the vehicle, died from his injuries.

CLERKENWELL HOUSEBREAKING CASE.

Charged at Clerkenwell police-court, to-day, with being concerned with others with breaking and entering the dwelling house of Walter Cheal, of Northampton-buildings, and stealing a silver watch, and causing him grievous bodily harm by striging him on the head, Henry Griffiths, sixty-eight, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was again remanded in custody.

It was stated by the police that the prosecutor was still in hospital.

DR. CRANE AND "THE PAST."

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE

SIR,—In your issue of December 29 Dr. Crane instructs his readers that Tennyson, in his charming description:—

. . . him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,

was writing of Goethe.

As a matter of fact, Tennyson referred to Longfellow and his poem, "The Ladder of Saint Augustine which is based on a thought in Sermon iii., De Axiusione of that great Saint—De ritiis nostris scalam nobis facimus, sivitia ipsa calcamus." Longfellow "sings":—

Saint Augustine! well hast thou said,
That of our vices we can frame
A ladder, if we will but tread
Beneath our feet each deed of shame!

All common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasures and our discontents,
Are rounds by which we may ascend.

The low desire, the base design . . .
The longing for ignoble things . . .
All thoughts of ill, all evil deeds
That have their root in thoughts of ill
Whatever hinders or impedes
The action of the nobler will:
All these must first be trampled down
Beneath our feet . . .

Standing on what too long we bore
With shoulders bent and downcast eyes,
We may discern—unseen before—
A path to higher destinies.

Nor deem the irrevocable Past
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
If, rising on its wrecks, at last
To something higher we attain.

ONE WHO BLESSES THE THREE GREAT MEN.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Referring to the letter signed by "A. T. N." in to-day's issue, your readers may be interested to know that Tennyson's reference (as he himself stated) was definitely to Goethe. The words "stepping-stones" are a curious misconception, but do not change the obvious meaning of the lines quoted.

EDWIN CARTER.

2, Heathfield-gardens, S.W. 18.
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WOMAN GRAND JUROR FINED

A woman grand juror at the Surrey Quarter Sessions at Kingston to-day—Miss Adele Eley, of West End, Cobham—was fined £5 for non-attendance.

William Edward Dawes, stage carpenter at Covent Garden Theatre, of Quinn-square, Blackfriars-road, collapsed in Long Acre, and died. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned at the inquest to-day.

TEST FOR HALL TO-NIGHT.

BIG FIGHT WITH JOHNNY BROWN.

MANY TITLES AT STAKE

(By MENDOZA.)

To-night at Edinburgh a boxing contest of great significance will be staged, when Seaman "Nobby" Hall meets the ex-amateur, Johnny Brown, in defence of his European and British light-weight championships.

Another title will also be at stake—the Scottish light-weight championship—for both contestants were born across the border.

A few months ago the light-weight situation was the most interesting and promising among the British boxing weights, and attention was centred upon six particularly good men.

There was Ernie Rice, the hard-hitting champion; the clever and awkward Fred Archer; rugged Alf Simmons; Seaman Hall, with his long line of successes; tough and ever-aggressive Johnny Brown; and that most promising and skilful young boxer, who as yet lacks the real champion's punch, Harry Mason.

Rice Loses His Title.

Rice returned from America after a disappointing tour, and lost his titles to Hall, much to the astonishment of his large following, although such a result was not unexpected by those who study the game closely.

Then Archer beat Simmons on points, after a cleverly fought battle, and Mason beat Archer. Brown also beat Archer in a fifteen rounds contest, although towards the end of the bout he was tiring rapidly.

The other contest that throws light on the subject was the clash between Mason and Hall, which was declared a draw, although in my opinion Mason well deserved the verdict.

Winner May Meet Mason.

The winner of to-night's contest will probably be matched with Mason in another championship match, carrying with it also the Lonsdale belt.

Johnny Brown is really the John Fleming who won the amateur feather-weight championship nearly three years ago, although on that occasion my verdict would have gone to the other finalist, J. Cater, who showed much more skilful form than the winner.

As Brown was then, so he is to-day—a strong, rugged, and ever-aggressive opponent — although, of course, he is now heavier and much more experienced. Since he has turned professional he has not lost a contest.

Hall, although clever and insistent in attack, does not carry a very heavy punch, and he also has trouble to get down to 9st. 9lb.

Brown's Heavy Punch.

Brown's punch is most effective, and he played great havoc with it for even so case-hardened an opponent as Archer. Hall's later showing has been far from convincing, particularly his poor victory over Jack Blackborrow, but I believe that his inconsistent form was due largely to his lack of strenuous training.

With such issues at stake to-night he will be trained to the minute. It will be seen that a confident prediction on this contest would be unwarranted.

The general opinion is that the titles will change hands, but bearing in mind how Brown lost in vigour towards the end of his fifteen rounds bout with Archer, I am inclined to plump for Hall as the victor.

THE UNIVERSITY SKI RACE.

WENGEN, Monday.

The times in the Oxford v. Cambridge ski race were T. Klaveness (Oxford), 14 mins. 45 secs., J. Carlton (Oxford) 16 mins. 50 secs., L. G. Dobbs (Cambridge) 17 mins. 15 secs., C. Stang (Oxford) 17 mins. 30 secs., J. Shirley (Cambridge) 20 mins., W. E. Cox (Oxford) 24 mins 50 secs., W. Maitland (Cambridge) 25 mins. 40 secs., E. Van Milligan (Cambridge) 27 mins., Hon. O. Farrer (Cambridge) 27 mins. 20 secs., Armstrong (Oxford) retired hurt.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

GATWICK MEETING.

Caterham Selling Handicap Hurdle: Foazam.

Moderate Handicap Hurdle: Dinia, Resilient.

Gatwick engagements: Zarane and Rocklight II.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Highfield Handicap Steeplechase, Birmingham: Vaulx.

Earlstown Handicap Hurdle, Haydock: George Crag.

Wroughton Handicap Steeplechase, Tenby: Golden Fleece.

All engagements in Mr. James White's name: Fishpool.

All engagements in Capt Stanley Wilson's name: Burten.

All engagements in Sir R. W. B. Jardine's name: Seraph.

All engagements in Mr. H. Stobart's name: Popgun.

All engagements in Sir Edward Hulton's name: Wandoo.

All published handicaps: Toyboat.

All engagements: Gally Bawn f (dead), Gallio, Canton, Buzz Around, Zibeline, Winsome, Jovzelle, Kilcummin, Lady Maureen, Teofani f. and Lady Mabel.

The Rathvale trainer, R. H. Walker, has engaged Joseph Doyle, son of The Curragh trainer, John Doyle, to ride for his stable during the present year.

It is the intention of the Stewards of both the Leopardstown and Proudstown Park Meetings to arrange fixtures for next month.

NEW YORK'S WILD NEW YEAR.

EIGHT SHOOTING AFFRAYS.

127 "WETS" ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Yesterday's New Year celebrations were the wildest within the recollection of the police, despite the Volstead Act.

One hundred and twenty-seven persons were arrested on charges of drinking intoxicants in restaurants, and eight shooting affrays occurred, with fatal consequences in two cases, a little girl and an old man being killed by stray bullets.

A number of hooligans found roaming in the streets had to be cleared off by the police.

Similar happenings are reported from other large cities.—Central News.

WAS IT BOTULISM?

DEATH AFTER EATING MUSSELS.

"HIGH" FOOD DANGERS

Botulism was suspected in the case of the death of John Hattimore, aged fifty-nine, a Deptford gas mantle fitter, who died in the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, and upon whom an inquest was held at Greenwich this morning.

Dr. W. D. Wiggins said the post-mortem examination showed symptoms consistent with botulism. The man, when admitted to the hospital, thought his illness was the result of eating mussels from a stall.

Sleepy Sickness.

He rapidly became delirious, developed paralysis of the brain, and was soon unable to speak. Some of the symptoms of encephalitis lethargica (sleepy sickness) were present. Witness thought it was a clear case of botulism.

The Coroner: If he had botulism, as the symptoms seem to show, would it have been due to the eating of mussels?

Dr. Wiggins: I have not heard or read of its being recorded that botalism could come in that way, but it might possibly occur with any "high" food. I have seen it recorded in connection with "high" game and sausages.

Food Poisoning.

The Coroner: It would be some form of food poisoning?—Yes, the symptoms were consistent with that.

The Coroner, saying that death was the result of food poisoning, probably botulism, recorded a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

V.C. PROSECUTES A PRIVATE.

ACQUITTAL ON BETTING CHARGE

Captain Harry Daniels, V.C., M.C., prosecuted Private A. Miller, clerk at the office of the Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, Aldershot Headquarters, on a charge of using headquarters offices for the purpose of betting.

Football coupons filled in and in a bundle addressed to the accused at the headquarter office were found in Miller's desk. Miller swore he was unaware that they were in his desk or drawers.

He took no part in betting transactions. His name and address must have been communicated by betting touts.

The court-martial accepted this, and ordered the discharge of prisoner.

BALKAN BANDS AGAIN.

BACK TO 19TH CENTURY CONDITIONS.

The Sofia correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company states:—

Travellers arriving here from Thrace report that the population has been forced by the Greek authorities to make trenches all along the Bulgarian frontier. Greek regular and disorganised army units were terrorising the local population, which has formed a number of local revolutionary bands of Bulgarians and Turks, acting throughout the country.

In countering their action the Greek Government has also organised bands under the management of Basil Nico. Most of them, however, have been destroyed by the revolutionaries.

The Greek authorities have driven away by force Bulgarians and Turks, in whose dwellings they have established Greek refugees from Asia Minor.

RENT RESTRICTION.

PRESENT ACT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

N.C.U. RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following are some of the recommendations on the Rent Restrictions Act made by a sub-committee of the National Citizens' Union:—

That there should be legislation providing for a continuance of restrictions upon the increase of rent of property, as provided for in the present Act, for a further period of one year

Sub-tenants' Protection.

That the protection given to sub-tenants by the present Act be abolished.

That provision should be made enabling a mortgage to be called in, in the event of the death of a mortgagee.

Exemptions From Act.

That a discretion be given to the County Court judge, on application by a landlord who has recovered vacant possession of a house, to exempt such house in future from the operation of the Act or amending Act if, in the opinion of the County Court judge, it is reasonable to grant such exemption, and the County Court judge, in coming to a decision, shall take into consideration, amongst other matters, available housing accommodation in the district, and in particular the provision by the applicant of new houses.

Private Contracts.

That in all contracts of tenancy entered into on and after June 25, 1923, the determination of such tenancy shall be a matter of contract, and the provisions as to statutory tenancy shall not apply to such tenancies.

The Committee add that they believe that if the amendments they have put forward were adopted, the necessity for the continuance of restrictive legislation would soon cease to exist.

NEW YEAR "DARK MAN."

UNEXPECTED GUEST AT 3 a.m.

A story of the early morning capture of an alleged burglar, who was wearing three overcoats and carrying a fourth, was told at Kingston-on-Thames to-day, when three charges of burglary at houses at Cobham and Chesham roads, Norbiton, were preferred against Charles Edward Jacks, twenty-seven, described as a commercial traveller, no fixed abode.

Accused was smartly dressed.

Mr. R. A. Smart, a chemist's assistant, Chesham-road, Norbiton, said his son roused him at three o'clock this morning, and going downstairs he found prisoner in the dining room.

When asked what he was doing accused replied, "Shut up, guv'nor; I'm starving." When asked what he had taken prisoner exclaimed, "I am off," and bolted through the window.

Police-constable Seago said he stopped prisoner on Kingston Hill. He was wearing three overcoats and carrying a trench coat on his arm Prisoner explained that he had to wear the three coats, as he had a very bad cold.

Prisoner now pleaded that he had been drinking to celebrate the New Year, adding that he had no idea how he got to Kingston, or what he had been doing there.

A remand was granted.

3,600 MILES TO SEE FOOTBALL MATCHES

LONG TRAMP OF CARDIFF CITY SUPPORTER.

Charles James Manley, the enthusiastic Cardiff City Football Club supporter, who set out on September 3 last to follow the City in their away engagements, returned home to-day, after having tramped altogether 3,600 miles, in the course of which he visited 368 towns and thousands of villages

He first witnessed the match with the Arsenal in London, and subsequently saw the Cardiff team play in ten away games.

He had many curious experiences. Once, while walking over the fells, he was attacked by some rams, who tore his overcoat to ribbons.

Altogether Manley wore out seventeen pairs of socks, three pairs of boots, two pairs of shoes, and three pairs of goloshes.

Trouble with his boots at one stage of the journey compelled him to walk 155 miles barefooted.

FATHER AND BOY DROWNED.

This morning James Walker, thirty-five, and his son David, fifteen, were returning from fishing off Buckhaven, when their yawl was swamped and both were drowned.

OPERA, Etc.

COVENT GARDEN. British National Opera Co. To-night, 8, Cav. and Pag.; Wed., 2.30, Hansel and Gretel; Wed., 8.15, Butterfly; Thurs., 7.15, Valkyrie; Fri., 8.30 Il [illegible]; Sat., 2.30, Hansel and Gretel; Sat., 8.30, La Boheme; Mon., 7.15, Louise.

KINGSWAY. Gerr. 4032. Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Th. & Sat. at 2.30. POLLY, The sequel to "The Beggar's Opera." Pitt Chatham as Macheath.

LYRIC, Hammersmith. NIGHTLY at 8.15 THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. MATINEES WED. & SAT. at 2.30.

REGENT, King's-cross. Museum 3183. THE IMMORTAL HOUR. A Music Drama. EVERY EVENING at 8.30. Play for the Children's Holidays, see Regent below.

THEATRES.

ADELPHI. (Gerr. 2645.) Nightly 8.15 THE ISLAND KING. W. H. BERRY Matinees Weds. & Sats. 2.15. 100th PERFORMANCE TO-MORROW.

ALDWYCH. "TONS OF MONEY." Evenings, 8.15. Mats. To-day, Wed. & Sat. at 2.30. Yvonne Arnaud, Tom Walls, Ralph Lynn.

AMBASSADORS. NIGHTLY at 8.30. Matinees To-day, Wed. and Sat., 2.30. Arthur Pinero's SWEET LAVENDER. Lilian Braithwaite. Holman Clark. Ger. 4460

APOLLO. TO-DAY and DAILY at 2.30. THROUGH THE CRACK. MATINEES ONLY. Ger. 7835 & 8242.

COMEDY. To-day 2.30 & 8.30. SECRETS. Fay Compton. Leon Quartermaine. Mats. Tues., Thurs., and Sat. at 2.30.

COURT. Gerr. 848. Daily at 2. "ALICE IN WONDERLAND." Evenings, 8.0. "WHEN KNIGHTS WERE BOLD."

CRITERION. To-day, 2.30 and 8.40. CYRIL MAUDE in "THE DIPPERS."

DALY'S. 8.15. Mats. Wed., & Sat., 2.15 THE LADY OF THE ROSE. Huntley Wright, Harry Welchman, Ivy Tresmand, Phyllis Dare.

DRURY LANE. (Gerr. 2588.) Nightly at 8. Mats. Wed., & Sat., 2.15. DECAMERON NIGHTS. Ellis Jeffreys, Margaret Bannerman, Gladys Ancrum.

DUKE OF YORK'S. (Ger. 313.) THE BLUE BIRD. By Maeterlinck TWICE DAILY, at 2.15 & 7.30.

EMPIRE. Gerr. 3527. Nightly at 8.30. Godfrey Tearle in ARLEQUIN. Mats., Wed. and Sat. at 2.30.

EVERYMAN. Opp. Hamp. Tube. Hamp. 7224 Mats. daily, 2.30, BRER RABBIT. Every Evening at 8.15. TWELFTH NIGHT. (Last performances of both plays)

GAIETY. JOSE COLLINS in THE LAST WALTZ by Oscar Straus. NIGHTLY 8.15. MATS., THURS. & SAT. 2.30.

GARRICK. Twice Daily, 2.30, 8.30, to Jan. 6. BIFFY. With Teddie Gerard and Robert Hale.

GLOBE. 8.30. Mats. Wed., and Sat., 2.30. THE LAUGHING LADY. By Alfred Sutro. Leslie Faber, Violet Vanbrugh, and Marie Lohr.

HAYMARKET. THE DOVER ROAD. By A. A. Milne. 8.30. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. Henry Ainley, and Allan Aynesworth. Last Two Weeks

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OVERHEARD AT THE SALES.

The New Year, sunshine, and the sales—all this no doubt accounted for the cheerful atmosphere in the West End yesterday, when happy mothers, with a laughing boy and girl hanging on each arm, wandered in and out of the shops.

"You'd look ripping in that, mater!" one small boy exclaimed as he paused in front of a brocade evening frock.

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"Oh, mummy, what a scrummy party frock!" murmured a minute Eve as she gazed longingly at a confection all tulle and rosebuds.

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These happy family parties are, of course, the lighter side of the sales. The serious side peeps out in the remarks one hears of the solemn bargain hunters.

"Is this really a genuine reduction?" one woman to the assistant.

What a sublime faith she must have had in human nature if she expected anything but the affirmative reply she received!

The largest crowds assembled round the remnant tables, where lay a profusion of all the silks of the East, which were pounced upon with exclamations of: "Here's a bit which will just do for a bag to match my blue satin," or "Do you think a yard and an eighth will be enough for a jumper?"

"Flappers" were as interested as their mothers in the sales; yesterday bunches of them made a descent upon the shops and bargain-hunted as keenly as the older women. The silk stocking departments seemed to be the objective of most of them. Evidently in these days, sales are considered by some of them to be one of their holiday treats.

The quite small children were not left out in the cold. About half a dozen in a corner of a big furnishing shop were having a great time "making hay" of a number of cushion covers—and nobody seemed to mind.

"Everybody happy and everybody glad" seemed to be the keynote of yesterday's "saleing"—but it was a sunny New Year day, so who could help feeling that way?

A "GOOD CRY" IS GOOD FOR YOU.

Don't put the brakes on your emotions if you want to be beautiful. Repression is ugliness. Emotional candor is the only road to good looks.

"Don't cry. It will ruin your complexion and wrinkle your brow," is bad advice. So says an expert in the ever-attractive field of personal charm.

"Look," she says, "at the domestic martyrs. Did you ever see one who was good-looking? I never did. To me they look like a street before the asphalt is put down. The natural woman, who cries when she wants to, who raves if she feels like it, who doesn't shackle her feelings, is generally a pretty good-looking proposition who has Father Time by the scruff of the neck. If you're naturally patient, that's another thing; but when you try to repress your emotions the unnatural effort produces a grossly inferior counterfeit for which the woman must pay a terrible price.

"Unspoken emotion ruins the complexion, and Shakspeare warns us when he makes Viola say:—

She never told her love, but
Let concealment, like a rose i' the bud,
Feed on her damask cheek;
She pined in thought, and with a green
And yellow melancholy
Sat like patience on a monument
Smiling at grief.

"Failing to give vent to her emotions ruined Viola's complexion. Unnatural people look unnatural. Look at the submissive women of any country. See what repression has done for them. The women of India, of Turkey, and several other places do not give vent to their emotions. You don't see any of the submissive wives of India or Turkey used for ornaments on calendars, do you?"

WOMEN OF TO-DAY

THAT PARTY FEELING.

How to Look Your Best!

Many girls tell me that they enjoy the excitement of "getting ready" for a party as much as the party itself. While dressing they are thinking of joys and conquests to come, while at the party the fact of its having to end tempers their enjoyment with regrets. Perhaps this is rather a pessimistic view to take, but there is undoubtedly great fun to be got out of the preparations.

These need not be rushed into the last few hours of the all-important night. For instance, it's always best to shampoo your hair quite two days before the event, otherwise the hair is so soft that it won't keep tidy, and what is more uncomfortable than to have to dance with the certain knowledge that your coiffure is all awry? Waving should not be done on the day of the party or your hair will have that "set" look which tells the world that you are not the possessor of naturally curly hair.

Never wear new shoes for the first time at a dance, but wear them for a little while each day beforehand. New shoes are always a trifle stiff and tire the feet.

Although the modern corsets are not the fearsome "armour plated" affairs they used to be in the days of our grandmothers, new ones can be very uncomfortable, so it is as well to wear these for a few days so that the stiff feeling has worn off by the time you go to your dance.

Have a fire in your room while you dress; it is really a necessity and not an extragavance. To dress in a cold room results in your having a blue nose and a "goosey" skin—neither of which are particularly becoming.

If it can be managed, have a nice warm bath—not too hot—before you dress; it will both rest and refresh you for the fray. Remember, too, to powder your back, neck, and shoulders before you put on our frock, so that your frock does not get besprinkled with the powder.

Everyone knows that simplicity is the keynote to a dainty appearance; therefore don't choose a frock all over fussy beads and bows, which are likely to scatter about the room as you dance. This also applies to hair ornaments—the simpler they are, the more comfortable you will be.

Last, but not least, a word about gloves; these are gradually becoming popular again. Be sure you try them on when you have a few minutes to spare, and ease them gently on to your hands. Don't leave it until you arrive at the dance, and put them on in a hurry, with disastrous result!

A HOUSEWIFE'S HINTS.

Do you know that a lump of sugar dissolved in each half-pint of water will stiffen lace without starch? Hang the lace up without squeezing.

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Resin is very useful for fastening knife and fork stalks into their ivory or bone handles. When a blade comes out of its handle, powder some resin, fill the hollow in the knife handle, heat the iron stalk red hot, and press it into the handle until it takes its original place. Wipe off any superfluous resin that may ooze out, and let the knife cool.

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There is a qualitative test for butter so simple that any housewife can put it into successful practice. A clean piece of white paper is smeared with a little of the suspected butter. The paper is then rolled up and set on fire. If the butter is pure the smell of the burning paper is rather pleasant; but the odour is distinctly tallow if the butter is made up wholly or in part of animal fat.

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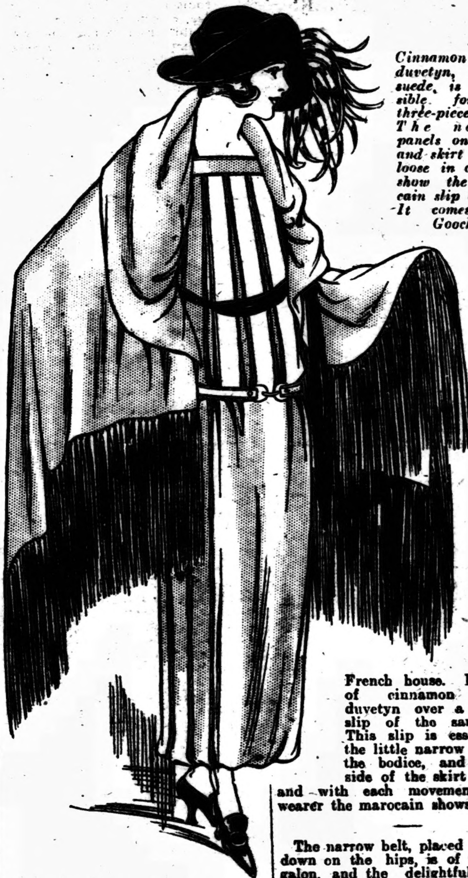
It is a good plan in darning stockings to hold the darning wool for a minute or two over the spout of a kettle of boiling water. This shrinks the wool, and when the stockings are washed there is no fear of mended parts shrinking and so tearing away from surrounding parts, so that the stockings last much longer.

Modes of the Moment

THE THREE-PIECE SUIT IS WELL TO THE FORE.



Cinnamon brown duvetyn, soft as suede, is responsible for this three-piece suit. The narrow panels on bodice and skirt are left loose in order to show the marocain slip beneath. It comes from Gooch's.

Resolutions are made to be broken, especially if, upon second thoughts, they prove to be bad ones. Hundreds of women who yesterday morning vowed they wouldn't go near a shop for the next three weeks for fear of breaking their resolves to be economical in matters of dress have changed their minds to-day. And very wise, too, when a model suit can become an inmate of their wardrobes for less than half the original price.

Three-piece suits will continue to be fashionable: how could it be otherwise when they are so becoming and so useful? Look at the perfectly charming suit our new French artist has sketched to-day. It comes from the showrooms of Messrs. Gooch, in the Brompton-road, and not so long ago was a model from an exclusive French house. It is made of cinnamon coloured duvetyn over a marocain slip of the same shade. This slip is essential for the little narrow panels on the bodice, and on each side of the skirt are loose, and with each movement of the wearer the marocain shows through.

The narrow belt, placed rather low down on the hips, is of thick gold galon, and the delightfully quaint wrap is made of the duvetyn fringed deeply at the hem, with strands of a narrow silken braid to match, while the collar is the work of a master hand with its seemingly careless folds. It is being practically given away at the price of twelve and a half guineas.

It is a big drop from forty-five to fifteen guineas, yet that is what has

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FRENCH POTATO RECIPES

Honour where honour is due—that's why we give the French the palm for cooking. A French cook whispered in my ear these recipes for making old potatoes appetising.

Puffed Potatoes.

Put two pans on the fire—a deep one of fat heated until it throws off blue smoke, and an open frying pan with just a little fat melted in it. Peel the potatoes and slice them into rounds about the thickness of a penny. Wipe them on a clean cloth, put them a few at a time into the open frying pan, and let them just colour both sides—they must not cook. Now scoop them up with a drainer, and drop them into the deep fat, one or two pieces at a time, with a little pause between, so the fat may heat up again. They will puff violently and swell like balloons. Scoop them out with the drainer, sprinkle with salt, and serve at once before they fall flat.

Stuffed Potatoes.

Take six large potatoes. Peel them and cut them in two lengthwise. Take each half and scoop out as much of the potatoes as you can without breaking through anywhere. Then take a teacup of cold mashed potato, a teacup of sausage meat, with pepper, salt, and grated onion to taste. Mix all well, fill the holes in the potatoes, fit the halves together again, and then put them on a tin with lots of dripping and brown them well in the oven.

Pets-de-Nonne.

Take six large potatoes, boil them in their skins, peel them, and pound them through a sieve. Now beat into them two eggs, two or three tablespoons of thick cream, a little pepper and salt, a pinch of mixed spices, and a teaspoon of chopped sweet herbs. The mixture ought to be about the consistency of rather firm mashed potatoes. Have ready a pan of deep fat heated to smoking point. Take up on the tip of a knife little bits of the mixture about the size of a walnut, and slip them into the hot fat—not more than three or four at a time, or the temperature will go down, and the frying won't be good. They puff up and swim to the surface; as soon as they are a bright golden brown, fish them out and drain them. Keep them very hot, and serve decorated with parsley.

Potatoes in a Boat.

Boil six large potatoes, and put them through a sieve. Mince a quarter of a pound of fat bacon, and mix into them, with a cupful of white crumbs soaked in as much milk as they can take up, a little pepper, salt, some chopped parsley, and the yolk of an egg. Shape into a high pyramid in a fireproof dish. Beat up the white of the egg a little, brush the pyramid with it, sprinkle thickly with crumbs, and put a lump of butter on top. Place in a brisk oven until it is lightly browned.

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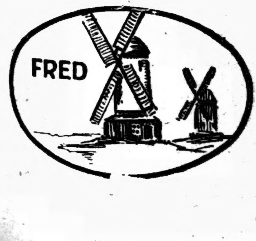
befallen another three-piece suit of radium foulard and tricotine.

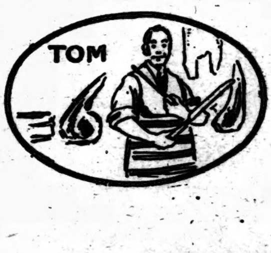
Charmeline is one of those tightly woven French materials which are practically everlasting in wear. Rather like a repp of the best quality, it is substantial, yet supple. A frock and a coat composed of this material, in a lovely shade of grey, was the next three-piece model to attract attention. There could be no question either of it going out of date for some time to come, as it was made with one of the new long "seven-eighths" coats. Lined throughout with satin and trimmed on collar, cuffs, and pockets with pieces of the striped charmeline of which the frock was made it was exquisitely cut and made.

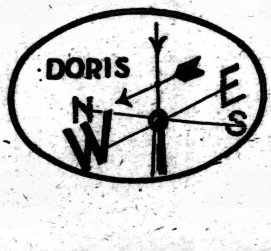
Simple, yet most original, was the arrangement of the stripes on the frock. These were particularly clever, for while the whole was made of the striped fabric, here and there a little piece of the plain material would be called into service.

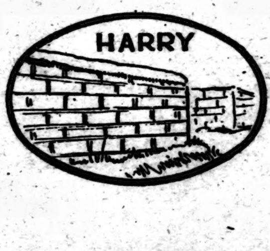
A NEW YEAR'S COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.—20 PRIZES

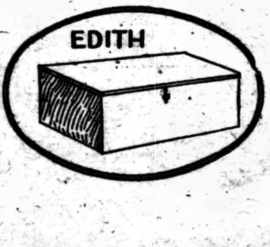
Here is an easy Competition for the children of our readers. Every boy and girl can take part in it, and every father and mother can help them to solve these picture puzzles. You have merely to write underneath each picture the name it represents. Then cut out the pictures and keep them until Friday next, when I will tell you where to send them. **Only one name must appear** under each picture. There will be 20 splendid prizes—each prize being a large, lovely 10s. box of superfine "Josephine" chocolates. Make up your mind to have one of these New Year Gifts. The Editor's decision must be regarded by every competitor as final.











TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY'S RACING AT GATWICK.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

Southern sportsmen are well catered for at Gatwick to-morrow and Thursday, and with no clashing the fixture should be all that could be desired.

The chief item of interest on the first day is the Crawley Steeplechase, and this would seem to rest between White Surrey and the better of Poole's pair.

White Surrey's recent form stands inspection, and I am content to row in with him.

Another good race will be the Purley Steeplechase, for which the penalised Test Match will go very close, but I doubt Martin's charge beating Pinwheel.

Clayton S'chase: **NED CARVER.**
Horley Hurdle: **PETTY CURY.**
Crawley S'chase: **WHITE SURREY.**
Moderate Hurdle: **DUTCH TOY.**
Purley S'chase: **PINWHEEL.**
Four-Year-Old Hurdle: **MITCHELLS.**

1.0.—CLAYTON (S) HANDICAP 'CHASE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

	Irish Field (Mrs H Gregson)	C Young	a	13	2
020	Milligan (Mr F Green)	C Young	a	12	4
211	Fair View (Mr Gee)	C Young	a	12	4
120	Governor Wood (Mr M Weil)	W Nightingall	a	12	3
120	Typical (Mr G Reed)	R Payne	a	11	12
020	Archbishop (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	a	11	11
301	Ormskirk (Mrs J Hutton)	G Poole	a	11	10
123	Ned Carver (Mr E Tattersall)	G Poole	a	11	10
001	Gay Scholar (Mr M Dollar)	Fitzgerald	6	11	9
010	The Saint IV. (Lord Westmorland)	H A Brown	a	11	7
000	Dame Archie (Mr A Aston)	L Sherwood	6	11	4
132	Berneray (Mr T Edge)	G Poole	a	11	4
	Malinkia (Mr T Edge)	Private	6	11	3
0	Rillet (Mr P Lucas)	T Leader	a	11	0
310	Rocklight II. (Mr W Harris)	Butchers	a	10	12
021	Turbine Secundus (Mrs M Russell)	Bailey	a	10	11
003	Happy Jack (Mr A Law)	Law	a	10	10
000	Waving Queen (Mr O Dixon)	Hastings	a	10	9
0	Nonakem (late Arcturus) (Mr A Kempton)	Goodman	5	10	7
120	Poor Jack (Mr C Gower)	L-Gower	a	10	0
300	Rushyford (Mr J Howard)	Walls	a	10	0
003	Adalew (Mr W Pearson)	Ellis	5	10	0

1.30.—HORLEY (S) HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

011	Friar Denis (Mr A Barton)	A Scott	a	11	12
022	Glance (Mrs G Bennett)	Bennett	6	11	12
000	Charley's Uncle (Mr H Broadbent)	G Poole	a	11	12
020	Simon's Craft (Mr T A Edge)	G Poole	a	11	12
330	Atholhampton (Mr T Fitton)	Fitton	6	11	12
003	Sybarite (Mr F Goodman)	Smyth	a	11	12
000	Duchess of Sparta (Mr A Ioannou)	W Nightingall	6	11	12
211	Warwick (Mr O Tabor)	Tabor	a	11	12
011	Woodchurch (Mrs G Bennett)	Bennett	5	11	8
022	Petty Cury (Mr T Hartigan)	Kemp	5	11	8
	Armageddon (Sir H Bird)	Hammond	a	11	7
020	Snuff (Mr J Christophorides)	Private	4	11	7
033	Con Cregan (Mrs H Hall)	Dale	a	11	7
000	Girvan (Mr F Hartigan)	F Hartigan	a	11	7
	Priority (Sir M McAlpine)	G Poole	a	11	7
00	Resnik (Mr J Maiden)	W Poole	a	11	7
000	Court Bleddyn (Sir S Watts)	F Hunt	a	11	7
	Jack Patch (Mr S Wootton)	Wootton	6	11	7
013	Maraskin (Mr J F Hackett)	Hackett	5	10	12
010	Taree (Mr S Wootton)	Wootton	4	10	12
000	Olindo (Lt.-Col Parkinson)	Reardon	4	10	7
00	Ronny the Rake (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	4	10	7

2.0.—CRAWLEY 'CHASE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second 30 sovs; third 15 sovs. Three miles.

310	Shaun Spadah (Sir M McAlpine)	G Poole	a	12	7
021	Old Tay Bridge (Mr W Dixon)	Lines	a	12	2
100	Halston (Maj Dixon)	Gore	a	12	0
032	Square Dance (Mr H Curtis)	G Poole	a	12	0
013	Gerald L. (Maj F Murray)	Gwilt	a	11	12
110	The Bore (Mr H A Brown)	H A Brown	a	11	8
012	White Surrey (Sir H Meux)	F Hunt	a	11	8
231	Harrismith (Colt R Birkin)	W Payne	a	11	7
013	Pay Only (Mr W Sankey)	H A Brown	a	10	13
202	Daisy Cutter (Mr R Willett)	Hammond	a	10	12
023	Condor (Capt S Wilson)	Whitaker	6	10	5
202	Puro (Mrs B Westgate)	Orbell	a	10	3
220	John Cheek (Mr W Langlands)	Langlands	a	10	2
000	Hackam (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	a	10	1
221	Wafer (Lady Mitchelson)	Hammond	a	10	0

2.30.—MODERATE HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second 10 sovs. Two miles.

032	Irish Light (Maj H Dawes)	Law	a	12	7
130	Grecian Waters (Miss A Wright)	Bunn	6	12	6
010	Double Scotch (Mrs J Howeson)	W Nightingall	a	12	5
200	Resilient (Mr G Stone)	Hyams	5	12	4
210	Damar (Mr A Alexander)	Dale	6	12	3
210	Sandart (Mr A Law)	Law	5	12	2
000	Envoy (Mr H A Brown)	H A Brown	6	12	0
230	Yahna (Mr T Hartigan)	Kemp	5	12	0
002	Wanton (Mr T Morris)	Coldbeck	6	11	13
003	Dutch Toy (Mr A Simpson)	Donnelly	6	11	12
020	Woodside Lad (Mr R Jeffrey)	Dowding	5	11	12
10	Captain Paddy (Mr N Davis)	Batho	a	11	11
001	Farm Gamp (Mr W Cary)	Cary	a	11	10
000	Dinia (Capt R Hastings)	Hastings	5	11	9
000	Jaeden (Lord Denman)	Higham	a	11	7
002	Blacking (Mr E Clark)	Savill	6	11	7
0	Flying Simon (Mr A Law)	Law	a	11	6
0	Zephyr (Mr G Allden)	G Allden	6	11	6
000	Mullaghmast (Mrs S Prince)	G Poole	a	11	6
0	Flying Eagle (Mr M Hanley)	Hanley	5	11	5
000	Frills (Mr T Edge)	G Poole	5	11	4
0	Golden Gorse (Mr W Parrish)	MacColl	5	11	3
000	Green Sleeves (Mr R Tilley)	T Leader	5	11	3
003	Topical Charlie (Sir S Watts)	F Hunt	5	11	1
110	B. Jay (Mr H Brown)	W Payne	5	11	1
100	Care Free (Mr G Allden)	G Allden	5	11	0
000	Misty Morning (Mr M Dollar)	W Fitzgerald	a	11	0
210	Cessford (Mr E de Mestre)	Wootton	5	11	0
002	Blenheim (Mr I Isaacs)	Hyams	4	10	10
00	Olympus (Lt.-Col. Parkinson)	Reardon	5	10	10
000	Marie Jeanne (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	5	10	9
000	Lord Bunny (Mr T Walton)	C Young	5	10	6
00	Jim Dandy (Mr W Dixon)	Lines	4	10	4
030	House (Mrs Larkin)	Larkin	4	10	1
0	Chorus Girl (Mr E Beer)	G Bennett	4	10	0

3.0.—PURLEY 'CHASE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second 20 sovs; third 10 sovs. Two miles.

231	White Ronald (Mr S Dennis)	G Poole	a	12	7
	Pollen (Mr H Escott)	Escott	a	12	6
110	The Bore (Mr H A Brown)	H ABrown	a	12	3
000	Providence (Mr H Curtis)	G Poole	5	11	13
012	Bergate (Mr W Dixon)	S Bennett	a	11	13
000	Pinwheel (Mr F Fry)	Gwilt	a	11	12
201	Broadway (Mr H Green)	Spittle	a	11	11
121	Test Match (Mrs D Baker)	E Martin	5	11	10
212	Gem (Mr G Skipper)	G Bennett	a	11	4
3	Eden Nook (Mr F Wilmot)	G Poole	6	11	2
0	Ireland (Mr T Hartigan)	Kemp	a	11	0
030	Honey Cott (Mr C Anson)	W Nightingall	5	10	10
	Ingoe (Mr H A Brown)	H A Brown	a	10	10
030	Financier (Mr W Larkin)	Larkin	6	10	9
330	Schiddles (Mrs Gray)	E Martin	a	10	9
020	Archbishop (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	a	10	7
000	Lord Callart (Mr J Groarke)	G Bennett	a	10	7

3.25.—FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs; third 10 sovs. Two miles.

111	King Pippin (Mrs J Putnam)	G Poole	12	7
011	Gerald D (Mr H Rich)	E Martin	12	5
011	Gasper (Mrs Heybourn)	J M Bell	12	0
02	Wee Laddie (Mr M Hanley)	Hanley	11	12
2	Owen (Mr M Rhodes)	Hulme	11	8
	Tip Tree (Mr J White)	Whitaker	11	5
03	Lofox (Maj J Paget)	Duller	11	4
000	Troika (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	11	3
0	Canopus (Mrs D Baker)	E Martin	11	2
000	Panthias (Mr F Slowburn)	Fitton	11	2
0	Brandyball (Mrs J Howeson)	W Nightingall	11	1
0	Sweet Repose (Mr T Walton)	C Young	11	1
020	Mitchells (Mr F Weeden)	Larkin	11	1
333	Eastern Prince (Mr P Heybourn)	J M Bell	10	13
00	Dark Vixen (Mr I Vernon)	Wootton	10	13
3	Golden Idol (Mr F Lefebve)	Hammond	10	12
00	Bimbia (Capt A Gollan)	G Poole	10	12
120	Oh Dick (Mrs C Stevens)	Stevens	10	11
000	Gold Coast (Mr J Levy)	Hare	10	9
00	Scapin (Mr W Raphael)	F Hunt	10	9
00	Sodalis (Mr A Alexander)	Dale	10	9
002	Blenheim (Mr I Isaacs)	Hyams	10	9
00	Weal or Woe (Mr J Hassan)	H Leader	10	7
00	Signet (Lord Woolavington)	Gore	10	5
000	Cato (Mr H Lawrence)	Reardon	10	5
000	Wandoo (Mr F Wilmot)	G Poole	10	5

NEWMARKET GALLOPS.

EXERCISE WORK OF HORSES AT HEADQUARTERS.

(From Our Resident Correspondent.)

ON THE RACE SIDE.

Darling's April Shower practised hurdles. Prince Herod covered a mile and a quarter.

Hamshaw's Maxi went a mile and a quarter.

G. Sadler's Cruiser Arc, Young Visiter, and Easter Holiday went a mile.

T. Leader's Taffytus, Perry Hill, Greensleeves, Speedometer, Streak of Light, Firedrake, Firing Line, Certosa, Rillet, and Sprig covered six furlongs.

Watson's Cottage, Villager, Roman Fiddle, Montfort, Knight of the Leopard, Red Gauntlet, Eagerford, and Capitol went six furlongs.

ON THE BURY SIDE.

Beatty's His Excellency, Black Gown, and Service Kit covered two miles.

Gilpin's Greek Bachelor, Town Guard, Knockando, and Maidenhair were sent six furlongs.

Junk, Sheepshead, Squire Erlegh, and Weal or Woe left for Gatwick.

Selections for Gatwick to-morrow:—
Clayton 'Chase: **MILLIGAN.**
Horley Hurdle: **GLANCE.**
Crawley 'Chase: **THE BORE.**
Moderate Hurdle: **WANTON.**
Purley 'Chase: **GEM.**
Four-Year-Old Hurdle: **WEAL OR WOE.**

Cambridge Prince was advertised on the card for sale at Manchester yesterday, but after finishing third tto Poise and Corrie Lass it was decided to put him under the hammer at Haydock Park on Saturday next.

WORLD OF SPORT.

T. Leader will be riding at Newton-le-Willows on both afternoons of the Haydock Park meeting this week.

Northampton Town's gate against Plymouth on Boxing Day of £1,025 is easily a League record for the ground, the previous best being £797.

Neither Ulula nor Curragh Breeze will run at Haydock Park at the week-end, but if the weather in the Channel moderates Semper Idem may be sent across from The Curragh.

The monthly meeting of the Middlesex Society of Association Referees will be held to-morrow evening at the Royal Oak Hotel, Harlesden, at 7.30, when an address will be given by Mr. J. R. Schumacher, the referees' secretary of the Isthmian League. Referee and all interested in football are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. C. F. Kenyon has purchased recently three very promising young jumpers from Ireland to join Southend at C. Davis's training establishment at Turnhill, Market Drayton. The horses are Crimson Dawn, a four-year-old and an own brother to Celtic Mist, Le Type, an eight-year-old by Neil Gow, and a four-year-old in Rafter.

The Blackheath team to meet United Services at Portsmouth on Saturday next, January 6, will be selected from the following: B S Cumberlege; G F Wood, T E S Francis, H P Jacob, R D T Wilkes; W H James, W I N Strong; A B Blake, L W Maslett, N J O Carbutt, H N Knox, G M Lee, A E Snow, F H X Gwynne, W E Tucker, and A Rendall.

The goal that Buchan scored for Sunderland against Birmingham on Saturday brings him level with Elliott, of Middlesbrough, each having found the net 18 times in the first half of the season. Stoke have obtained only 25 goals, and of these Jas. Broad claims 15, he being third on the premier division list of scorers, with Chambers (Liverpool) and Paterson (Sunderland) equal fourth with 14.

A SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

THE ARSENAL'S GREAT DEVELOPMENT—TEST FIGURES THAT TALK—NUNHEAD'S RECORDS.

The remarkable successes of the Arsenal team since the management embarked upon their boldly conceived experiments in the constitution of the team is one of the features of this football season.

The wholesale changes which entailed the scrapping of many of their old players and the removal from back to centre-forward of Turnbull, have lifted the popular club from the slough of despond to unusual heights of optimism.

Their victory at Blackburn yesterday should prove of inestimable value in encouraging the club during the coming months, and as the teams still to be met are less formidable than their previous opponents, hopes are entertained that the Highbury Club will steadily ascend the League table.

The bold policy of the Arsenal might, with advantage, be adopted by other clubs, who persist in playing men with famous names, but who have lost much of their ability.

Test Figures that Talk.

The lowly position of England in post-war Test match cricket is best shown by the actual figures provided by the various matches.

Since the war Australia has played 13 Test matches—10 v. England and three v. South Africa. In the same time England has played 11 (10 v. Australia and one v. South Africa), while South Africa has played three times against Australia and once against England. The position at present is:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.
Australia	13	10	0	3
South Africa	4	1	2	1
England	11	0	9	2

And a Few More.

The runs scored by and against the three countries in these matches provide further unpleasant facts for English readers:—

	For.		Against.	
	Runs.	Wkts.	Runs.	Wkts
Australia	6,824	169	6,549	228
S. Africa	2,095	75	1,877	57
England	5,422	193	5,915	152

But the doldrums are reached with the table showing the various averages per wicket. Here it is:—

	For.	Against.
Australia	40.38	28.72
South Africa	27.93	32.93
England	28.09	38.91

In other words, Australia has scored 11½ runs per wicket more than their opponents; South Africa 5 runs per wicket less than their opponents; while England's average is practically 11 runs per wicket less than the opponents' score.

Nunhead's Chance.

No Isthmian League side is playing better football than Nunhead just now, and their capture of six points, with a goal register of five to one, since Christmas Day, from Wimbledon, home and away, and Leytonstone, home, has given this popular South London club a good chance of winning the premier Amateur League championship.

With a match in hand Nunhead are only one point behind the present leaders, and if they maintain recent form during the next three months they should win top place in the table.

The rise of Nunhead has been due to the splendid goalkeeping of Hudson, and the clever football the new men in the team—Crichton, Robinson, and Harris—have played.

Rackets Visitors.

Feelings of very great interest and satisfaction have been aroused in rackets circles by the prospect of C. C. Pell and E. Mortimer, the leading American exponents of the game, coming to this country to compete in the Amateur Championship in the spring.

Hitherto no Americans have competed in our championships, and at present comparatively little is known of the relative standard of amateur rackets in the United States.

But the fact that Pell is the American national champion and Mortimer the next best player is sufficient to cause rackets players in this country to look to their laurels; and, whatever the results, the visit should at any rate give a valuable stimulus to a game that has grown apace in recent years.

Baulk-line Billiards Champion.

William Hoppe, has just won the Championship of American 18.2in. baulk-line billiards, a demonstration of which was recently given in London by two French players, by defeating Jake Schaefer in the final heat of a championship tournament, by 500 to 283.

Hoppe has now won the title for the sixteenth time in the twenty years of his professional career, and he and Schaefer have, in that period, monopolised the honours between them.

In the latest game, Schaefer held a useful lead at the half-way stage, despite an early break of 111 by Hoppe, but a brilliantly executed cannon off five cushions by the latter proved to be the turning point.

This stroke enabled him to register a break of 188, and he followed on with another run of 108, and eventually gained a very easy victory.

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ANOTHER FINE HURDLER.

GASPER AND HIS CHANCE AGAINST GROOMSPORT.

SPRING HANDICAP.

(By "TITUS OATES.")

After seeing Gasper beat a good field in the Berkshire Hurdle, I am beginning to wonder if Groomsport is the best juvenile hurdler.

This is the second time within a week that Gasper has won a handicap from older horses, whereas Groomsport has only taken part in juvenile hurdle races.

It will, of course, be urged that at Newbury Groomsport won a three-year-old race with 11st. on his back, and Gasper was down the course to him. That was a month ago, however, and by the form shown last week by Gasper it is clear he was not ready then.

I am not going so far as to say that Mrs. Heybourn's horse is the better, but if anything is going to beat Groomsport in the next few weeks it will probably be Gasper, while King Pippin is certain to make him gallop.

Prince Herod did not do badly at Kempton, and he will win a good race before long, for he has plenty of speed and jumps well.

He is probably the best hurdler amongst the older horses at Newmarket with the exception of Bumble Bee, presuming that Mr. Dixon's horse can still be counted amongst the hurdlers.

Black Gown's Appearance.

I am afraid we shall not see him out for a week or so, but when he does make an appearance it will be in a race worth winning.

Black Gown, I hear, runs this week at Hurst Park. If he can stay his speed should get some of his field in difficulties before they have gone very far.

In the middle of the week we shall have the entries for the Spring handicaps, and the double event wagerers will scan then eagerly. We shall have to wait a little for the Grand National list.

Soldennis is a good deal talked of for the Lincolnshire, and I suppose he will be entered. The layers in some parts of the country will chuckle if he is not.

Quite the type of horse to come early to hand, I do not see why he should not stay this mile all right, although he has been popularly supposed to be only a sprinter.

Monarch Again.

Monarch will have plenty of friends if his name appears, and it is generally understood that he will be prepared for the race again.

Monarch was probably the most unlucky horse who ran in an important handicap last season, and it would only be poetic justice if he made recompense to his many backers by winning the Lincolnshire.

I have no reliable news yet concerning the Grand National entries, but I think we shall see Taffytus amongst them, and there is a general opinion at Newmarket that T. Leader has a great chance of saddling the winner.

I notice that last year's third is beginning to do more serious work, although nothing approaching a preparation has been commenced yet.

Several of Leader's horses have given their trainer a good deal of trouble, and Taffytus is one of them.

I should think that Square Dance will make amends for losing at Newbury by winning the Crawley 'Chase at Gatwick to-morrow, although I do not suppose for a minute that he will be a 10 to 1 chance.

He may be kept for Hurst Park on Saturday, in which case we can afford to wait.

PARIS BEATS LONDON.

The Rugby match between Paris and London at Paris, although ending in a win for Paris by 22 points to 14, was, nevertheless, a hotly disputed game, both teams showing first-class form and speed.

Wayte stood out among the Londoners, his speed and mastery of the game often puzzling the Parisians. Collet, Jacot, and Wallace also gave a fine exhibition.

Jacot, Wayte (3) scored tries for London, Collett converting Wayte's last, says Reuter.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

LAST YEAR'S HUGE TURNOVER OF CREDIT.

Last year's turnover of money at the London Bankers' Clearing House was not far short of the record figures of the trade "boom" year 1920. For 1922 the grand total was around £37,000 millions, as against £39,000 millions in 1920 and about £35,000 millions in 1921.

Whereas the big turnover of 1920 was mainly due to brisk trade and inflation, the increase during the past year over 1921 was due largely to the recrudescence and financial activity more than to reviving trade, helped perhaps by the increasing tendency towards the use of the cheque outside of ordinary commercial business.

New issues during 1922 were about 22 millions in excess of the 1921 figure, and that, of course, helped to swell the Clearing House turnover, as also did the improvement in Stock Exchange values.

Owing to the magnitude of the money market and other financial operations, the Town Clearing figures are no longer a reliable guide to trade conditions as they were years ago.

Returning to the use of cheques, Mr. Holland-Martin, in his Clearing House report, observes that statistics taken recently at banks in the City show that the 2.7 per cent. of 1865 has sunk to less than 0.7 per cent. in 1922, or, to express the ratio in the same terms as those used by Lord Avebury, out of £1,000,000 paid into a bank only £4,260 consisted of bank notes and £2,640 of Treasury notes and coin

"NEW" HOME RAILS.

Yesterday marked a new epoch in the history of British railways consequent upon the consolidation of 125 companies into four groups. Dealings in the new stocks created by the amalgamation commenced to-day, the quotations at midday being as follows:

Great Western	109⅞
North-Eastern Preferred	75
North-Eastern Deferred	30¼
Midland Scottish	104 xd
Southern Preferred	78½ xd
Southern Deferred	36 xd
Southern "A"	34
Southern "B"	8

GOOD FOOTWEAR PROFITS.

For the seventh consecutive year W. Abbott and Sons ("Phit-Eesi" Boots) have maintained their dividend at 12½ per cent. It is gratifying to find that in a year of difficult conditions common to most businesses the company has been able to maintain its profits at a satisfactory level. The lower selling prices for footwear were counter-balanced by a larger turnover, which, of course, speaks well for the company's goods; and the trading profit accordingly was less than £5,000 down at £45,181. Net profit, however, came out at £21,824, or £749 in excess of the previous year. But for the further depreciation in the value of the franc, which affected the French portion of the business, the net profit would have been even still higher. The financial position is sound, with the carry-forward increased from £17,118 to £23,666, while the reserve fund totals £47,000 against a share capital of £144,000.

BRITISH CONTROLLED OILFIELDS.

Consequent upon the agreements entered into, firstly with the Standard Oil Company of America in April last, and secondly with the Royal Dutch group more recently, the market is taking considerable interest in the report of the British Controlled Oilfields covering the year to July, 1922. These alliances were apparently made with the object of obviating the possibility of any difficulties arising with the States from which concessions had been secured by reason of the company's failure to proceed with development work simultaneously at several points.

During the period covered by the report the company was still in the preliminary stage of development, the report stating that "it is particularly gratifying" to note that the oil encountered has maintained the high quality standard of that found in the first wells.

No profit and loss is yet issued, and development expenses as before have been charged to capital, the amount being 1,809,617 dollars. An option over an Ecuador property not exercised, and therefore conceivably a dead loss, figures as an asset "in suspense" for twelve million odd dollars! This represents a substantial proportion of the company's capital, the par value of which is nearly forty-two million dollars, or close upon £8,000,000.

COMPANY MEETING.

W. ABBOTT AND SONS, LIMITED.

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At the thirteenth annual general meeting, which was held at the registered offices of the company, 34 and 36, Gresham-street, in the City of London, on Thursday, December 21, 1922, Mr. O. H. Abbott, the chairman, said, among other things:—

The company had now reached the thirteenth year of its existnce, and in the year under review it was gratifying to find that in spite of the adverse conditions common to most businesses during this period the company had not only held its own, but had actually improved its position, as the balance-sheet showed.

In reviewing the accounts, it would be seen that the year which ended August 31, 1922, after charging all trading expenses, loss on exchange, etc., and writing off £5,619 7s. 8d. for depreciation of leases, fixtures, and furniture, had resulted in a profit of £39,562 2s. 4d. The sum of £3,500 had been added to the reserve as provided by the company's articles of association, and after deducting the further sum of £15,450 15s 3d., charged against the gross profit, there remained a net profit of £21,823 13s. 9d., or £748 13s 11d in excess of the previous year; to that amount must be added the sum of £17,117 12s. 2d., the net balance of the carry forward from last year, making a total of £38,941 5s. 11d. It was shown in the report how this sum was proposed to be dealt with. **The directors had pleasure in again recommending payment of a final dividend, making for the year 12½ per cent., this being the seventh consecutive year in which this rate had been declared. It would be seen that the carry forward was increased from £17,117 12s. 2d. to £23 666 5s. 11d., this together with the Reserve Account, now standing at £47,000, made a total of £70,666 5s. 11d., a sum that more than covered the whole of the Preference shares, and was more than double the figure standing in the books as goodwill.** The stocks had been reduced during the year by £13,041 10s. 9d. Prices had been marked down wherever necessary to fall in line with present market values, and still further reduced where change of fashion had rendered it expedient; the stocks were therefore in excellent condition. **The lower prices ruling for boots and shoes, which had been steadily decreasing since the Armistice, but had now apparently touched bottom, necessitated an increasing number of sales to keep up turnover. The directors were gratified to report that the increase in the number of customers was a set-off against the decrease in selling values, a sure proof of the sterling quality of their goods, and the confidence reposed in them by the public. Salaries and expenses were still high, and the policy of the directors had been that any economies effected in this direction should not be at the expense of general efficiency. The depreciation in the value of the franc had considerably affected the net profit of that part of the company's business carried on in France. Any improvement in this direction would materially help the profits. So far as could be judged by the current year's working, there was every indication that another successful year lay before them, and the directors trusted that nothing unforeseen would arise to interfere with the present dividend being maintained.**

He had much pleasure in moving that the report and statement of accounts, as submitted, be received, approved, and adopted, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANABLE FUNDS BECOME SUPERABUNDANT.

Following the negotiation of the turn of the year, conditions in the short loan market to-day were extraordinarily easy, money being in superabundant supply. Only a small amount fell due at the Bank and this, of course, was easily repaid. Day-to-day loans ranged from 1½ per cent. down to below 1 per cent., while weekly fixtures were done at 1½ per cent. A large amount is due at the Bank to-morrow, while heavy repayments are also due for the next few days. This being so, it is possible that the extreme ease of monetary conditions will not be too long maintained.

Discounts were weak in tendency on mon Discounts were weak in tendency on money. The banks were rather buyers of commercial bills, but the market was not over anxious to sell. However, a few Feb hands at 2 per cent. and 2 3 116 to ⅛ per cent. respectively. Two and three months' five bank bills marked 2⅜—7-16 per cent., "fours" 2 7-16—½ per cent, and "sixes" 2 9-16—⅝ per cent.

Spot silver declined ⅛d. to 31⅛d., but forward was unchallenged at 30⅞d. Gold rose 4d. to 89s. 3d., the fair amount available being taken for India.

While movements generally were not large, the general tendency off exchanges was favourable. France improved and sterling was firmer in New York. The Dutch rate rose sharply, and the Italian lira was worth more.

	Previous close.	To-day.
Paris	64.0—63.10	62.35—62.60
Amsterdam	11.70½—11.71	11.75—11.77
Rome	91⅜—91⅝	90⅜—90¾
Madrid	29.49—29.51	29.54—29.56
Switzerland	24.44—24.46	24.48—24.52
Brussels	63.40—63.50	63.30—63.40
Berlin	32000—32500	33500—33750
Vienna	315000—330000	315000—325000
Bukarest	780—810	775—800
Warsaw	80000—85000	80000—84000
Prague	148—150	148—150
Finland	185—188	185—187
Christiana	24.53—24.62	24.70—24.75
Copenhagen	22.45—22.50	22.52—22.55
Stockholm	17.14—17.18	17.17—17.18
Greece	330—390	375—385
Lisbon	2½—2 9/16	2⅝—2 11/16
Rio de Janeiro	6⅛	6 3/32d.
Mexico	25—23	25—23
Valparaiso	35.70	35.70
B. Ayres (at. bank)	44½—44⅝	44½—44¾
New York (cable)	4.63½—4.63¾	4.64⅝—4.64¾
Montreal	4.68¼—4.69¼	4.68—4.69
Bombay (at. tel. trans.)	1/4⅛d.	1/4 3/32d.
Calcutta (at. tel. trans.)	1/4⅛d.	1/4 1/16d.
Hong Kong (at. tel. trans.)	2/2¾d.	2/2¾d.
Shanghai	3/0¼	3/0¼
Yokohama	2/1⅛d.	2/1⅛d.
Singapore	2/4⅛d.	2/4⅛d.
Montevideo	44—44½	44—44½

THE METAL MARKET.

COPPER.—Official prices: 2s. 6d. higher at £64 12s. 6d. to £64 15s. spot, and 2s. 6d. lower at £65 7s. 6d. to £65 10s. forward. Settlement price £64 12s. 6d.

TIN.—Official prices: 2s. 6d. higher at £182 5s. to £182 7s. 6d. spot, and £183 15s. to £183 17s. 6d. forward. Settlement price £182 5s.

LEAD.—10s. higher at £26 17s. 6d. January, and 5s. higher at £26 10s. April. Settlement price £26 17s. 6d.

SPELTER.—22s. lower at £36 10s, January, and unchanged at £34 10s. April. Settlement price £36 10s.

Supplied by Mr. Walter Henry Barnard, 24, Lime-street, E.C. 3.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

American futures opened: Jan. 14.87d., March 14.74d., May 14.57d., July 14.37d.

Alexandria opened: Jan. 33.40d., March 34.40d.

Spot sales 5,000 bales.

12.15 p.m.—American futures: January 14.80d., March 14.67d., May 14.51d., July 14.31d.

Tone—quiet.

12.15 p.m.—Egyptian futures: January 16.94d., March 17.15d.

Alexandria closed: January 33.20d., March 34.20d.

STOCK EXCHANGE

ANGLO-PERSIAN NEW UNDERWRITTEN ISSUE.

EAGLES UNDER £2.

Business has been resumed upon the Stock Exchange in a spirit of cheerfulness, everyone looking forward with confidence to better times. The truculence of the Turk has in no way disturbed the "House," which pins its faith in the Paris Conference and the possibility of an agreed-upon policy being settled thereat. The general opinion in the City is that the British and French Premiers have a good basis to work upon. This view has been reflected in the firm undertone of the investment and foreign bond markets to-day, although the volume of business has been quite moderate.

Indeed, speaking generally, there has been no particular activity, although exceptionally the Home Railway market, under the new order of things, has attracted a good deal of attention. In the opening hour there was, however, perhaps more noise than business owing to the fact that the dealers had changed their pitch, and many members had some difficulty in getting through to them.

Underwriting at 2 per cent. has been arranged to-day in connection with the coming Anglo-Persian issue of new Ordinary shares at 3¼ each.

British Funds Rise.

Firmness has characterised the investment market, due more, perhaps, to the cheerful general tone than to the persistence of the buying. Five per Cent. War Loan has advanced to 100⅛, Conversion to 75⅛, Locals to 64, while Funding and other loans are harder. Towards the close Conversion and Local Loans tailed off a sixteenth each.

French Loans Up: Turks Down.

Inactive conditions have ruled among foreign bonds. French loans have changed hands a fraction higher, while Rio Tintos have hardened at 33⅞. Turkish Unified, on the other hand, has gone flat at 28½ on Eastern events A general recovery, small in extent, has occurred among Brazilians.

Home Rails in New Form.

Great interest has been evinced in the new Home railway stocks. North Easterns ("Berwick" Deferred) opening 3 points higher than anticipated around 30. Both Great Westerns and North Westerns have been quoted as before, excepting the latter as Midland Scottish are "ex div." at 103½. Southern Deferred are 35½, Preferred 78, "A" 33, and "B" 13. Outside of the group Mets have been good at 61.

Argentine Rails Higher.

An improving tendency has manifested itself among the principal foreign rails. Argentine rails have mostly gained ½ to ¾ apiece, with Cordoba Central second debentures marking 51½. Leopoldinas at 36 and United Havanas at 71½ have also improved.

Textiles Supported.

A fair provincial demand for textiles has been experienced. Courtaulds have strengthened up to 65s., while Bradford Dyers 47s., English Cottons 47s. 6d., and Bleachers 44s. have been good. Amalgamateds 12s. 6d., Calicoes 22s., British Cellulose 9s., and Prefs. 12s. 9d. are all better. Tobacco shares have improved a shade; Imperials 73s. 6d. and "Bats" 88s. 9d.

Other prices: Fine Spinners 44s., Coats 66s., Calico Printers 22s. 6d., and Wm. Whiteley 45s. 9d.

Marconis Better.

In the Industrial market the business has been small, but good. Steel and Engineering shares, where changed, have generally attained higher levels, rises being recorded by: Armstrongs 20s., Baldwins 19s., Guests 39s. 6d., and Brunners 38s. 6d. Among Shipping, Cunards at 24s. and Furness Withy at 35s. 6d. have been favoured Marconis are harder, while support has been accorded the Canadian shares at 11s. 3d. and Radios 16s. Among miscellaneous shares "Daily Mirrors" have been quiet at 4 1-16, with Associated Newspaper Deferred 5⅞.

Mines Dull.

Apart from a small demand for Diamond shares, the Mining markets have been dull, with prices a shade easier. Among Kaffirs, Randfonteins have been flat at 22s. 3d., but other low-priced shares have scarcely altered.

Cams have eased off among Rhodesians, but Tank Prefs. are better at 19s. 9d. San Francisco at 16s. have been rather offered. Colombians are better at 7s. 1½d. Akims are easier at 10s. 9d.; Fanti steady 12s. 4½d.

Oil Leaders Rally.

The oil market has been in a forlorn condition, with the leaders unsupported. Mex. Eagles, with the dividend deducted, have drifted to below 2, marking 1⅞ xd. Anglo-Persians have recovered to 4⅜, after being lower, and Eagles are closing steadier. Phoenix are 28s. 9d., after 27s. 3d., but Venezuelans have rallied from 22s. to 24s. and British Controlled Prefs. from 8s. 9d. to 9s.

LATEST TAPE PRICES.

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BRITISH FUNDS, Etc.

Consols 10.37—55½ ¾
War Loan 5% 10.57—100 1/16 3/16
War Loan 4½% 11.23—94¼ 5¼
War Loan 4% 11.23—101¼ 2¼
War Loan 3½% 11.23—95½ 6
Funding 11.13—63¼ 6 12 34—35⅞ 6⅛
Victory 11.23—88½ ⅞
Small 11.23—88½ ⅞
Conversion 3½% 13.57—75 1/16 3/16 12.34—75⅛
Local Loans 11.23—63⅞ 4⅛
Treasury 5½% A 11.23—104½ 5
C 11.23—104½ 5 12.34—104¾ 5¼
D 11.23—101½ 2 12.34—101¾ 2¼
Exchequer 5½% 1925 11.23—104 ¾
National War Bonds 1st series 5% 1927 11.31—103 ¾
4% 1927 11.31—100¾ 101¼
Do. 2nd Series 5% 1923 11.31—102 7/16 11/16
5% 1923 11.31—106 ¼
4% 1923 11.31—100¾ 101¼
Do. 3rd Series 5% 1925 11.31—104½ ¾
4% 1925 11.31—100¾ 101¼
Do. 4th Series 5% 1923 11.31—105¼ ½
India 7% 1925-31 11.23 —110 11
India 3½% 1931 11.23 —99⅛
India New 4½% 1950-1955 11.23—1⅛ 1⅛ dis
India 3½% 11.23—63 ½
India 3% 11.23—55 ½
India 2½% 11.23—45¾ 46¼
Irish 3% 11.23—62½ 3½
Irish 2¾% 11.23—57 8
L.C.C. 3½% 1.11—74 5
L.C.C. 3% 1.11—64 5
Met. Water B 1.11—64 65
Met. Water C 1.11—104 5
Bank Stock 11.23—231 35 1.11—234 6

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Cal.Pf. 10.51—32½ 3½
Cal. Df. 10.51—15⅝ ⅞ 1.46—15⅝ ⅞
Gt.Western 10.51—108½ 9½ 11.0—109 110 11.35—109½ 110 11.42—109¼ ¾ 12.3—109¾ 10¼ 12.25—109½ 10
Def. 10.51—70½ 1½ 1.38—72 4
Ldn.Mid.l. Scot. 11.0—103½ 4½ 12.25—103½ 4 12.57—103¼ 103¾
Ldn & N.E. Pf. 11.42—75½ 6½ 1.46—76 77
Def. 10.51—29 31 11.35—29½ 30½ 11.42—30 ½ 12.3—30¾ ¾ 1.23—30½ 1
Metro. 10.51—59¾ 60¼ 11.42—60¼ ¾ 12.3—60½ 1 12.25—60¾ 61¼
Met. Dist. 10.51—46½ 7
N. .. 10.51—102½ 3½
Sthern Pf. 11.42—78 9 1.46—77½ 8½
Df. 11.42—35 6
Ord. A 11.42—33½ 34½ 1.28—33 5
B 11.42—13 14 1.29—12 13
S. W. 10.51—108½ 9½
Def. 10.51—70½ 1¼
Und. Elec. 6 Income Bonds 10.51—86½ 87½ 1.28—56¼ 7¼
Und. Elec. 11.1—2¾ 2⅞
Und. Elec. A 11.1—6/9 7/3

CANADIAN RAILWAYS.

Trunk Ord. 11.28—⅛ ⅜
Trunk 1st Pref. 11.28—4 6
Trunk 2nd Pref. 11.28 2 3
Trunk 3rd Pref. 11.28—½ 1½
Trunk Guaranteed 11.28—75½ 6½
Trunk Pac. 11.28-39 40

IRON, COAL, AND STEEL.

Armstrong 10.53—19/3 20/3 12.28-19 6 20/6
Baldwin 10.53—18/3 19/3
Bengal Iron 10.53-23/6 24/6
Brunner Mond 10.53—37/9 8/9 11.0 38/0 39/
Cammel L. 12.28—17/3 18/3
Cargo Fleet 12.28—17/6 18 6
Cory W 12.28—2⅜ ½
Powell D 12.28—1¼ ⅜
Dorman Long 12.28—18 6 19 6
Ebbw Vale 12.28—13.0 14/
Guest Keen 10.53—38/6 39.6 12.28—39/ 40
Pease Partners 12.28—27/9 28 8
Swan Hunter 12.28—1¼ ⅜
Vickers 10.53—14/10½ 15/4½ 12.23—15/0 15/6

FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

Antofagasta Ord 11.6—73 4
Arg. Gt. West 12.14—79½ 81½
Arz.N.E. 12.14-17½ 18½
B.A. Pac 11.6 -81½ 2¼ 12 14—82 3
B.A.G.S. 11.6 —84 5
B.A.West 11.6 -80 1
Cent.Arg. 11.6 -75 6
Def 12.14—54½ 6½
Cent. Urug 12.14-4 6
Chargeurs Reunis fy pd 12.14—72 4
Costa Rica 12.14-20¼ 1¼
Cordoba Cent. 11.6 —13¼ 14¼
1st Pf. 12.14—27 8
2nd Pf. 12.14-16 17
1st Deb 11.6 -62½ 3½
2nd Deb 11.6 -50½ 1½
Entre Rios 12.14 -24 25
G W Brazil 12.14-2¼ 3
Guayaquil Cert 11.39-22 4
Leopoldina 11.6 —35½ 36½
Mex. Rails 11.39—12 13
1st Pf. 11.39—38 40
2nd Pf. 11.39—22 4
Midi 10.54—9¼ 80¼
Nord 12.14—84½ 5½
Orleans 10.54—9 80
P L M. Rds 10.54—80¼ 1¼ 12 14-81 2
Parag Cent 12.14-17 19
San Paulo 11.6 —118½ 120½
Trans Atlantique 12.14—73 4
Un. Hav. 11.6 -70¼ 1¼

OILS.

Agwi Pet. 11.36—1⅝ 1 11/16
Anglo-Egypt B 11.36—1⅛ 3/16
Anglo-Persian New Ord. 11.36—4 5/16 7/16
Anglo-Persian 8% Pref. 11.36—24/6 5/
Anglo-Persian 9% Pref. 11.35—25/7½ 6 1½
Brit. Control 11.16—7 6 8/
Brit. Control Pf. 11.16 8.6 9/
Burmah 11.36—3 ⅛
Mex. Eagles 11.12-1 29/32 1 31/32 xd 11.36—1 27/32 1 29/32 12.19—1 13/16 ⅞
Mex. Eagles Pf. 12.19—1 25/32 27/32
Phoenix 11.16—27/ /6 11.15—27.3 9 12.19—27/ /6
Royal Dutch 11.36—33¼ 4¼
Shells 11.12—4 3/16 ¼
Trin. Apex 11.36—2 1/16 3/16
Trin. Cent. 11.36—1 9/16 1⅝
Trin. Lease 11.35—1 5/32 1 7/32
Un. Trin. 11.36—5/16 ⅜
Urox 11.35—7/3 9 12.19—7/7½ /10½
Venezuela 11.38—22 3 23/3 12.19—22/6 3/6
Pref. 12.19—20.6 1/6

RUBBER, TEA, ETC.

Allagar 12.3—1/ /3
Amalg. Rub. Est. 12.3—2/6 /9
Anglo-Dutch 11.2—33/3 4/3 11.43—33/9 34/9
Anglo-Java 12.3—2/7½ /10½
Anglo-Malay 11.43—1 ⅛
Bajoe Kidoel 12.23—1 19/32 23/32
Batang Cons. 12.3—1/6 /9
Bekoh 12.3—1/3 /6
Bitjug 12.3—6 1½ /7½
Brieh 12.25—1/9 2/
Brit. Rb. Est. Java 12.3—3/4½ /7½
Bukit Cloh 12.3—4/6 5/0
Bukit Mertajam 12.3—2/9 3/
Bukit Rajah 12.23—31/32 1 1/32
Bukit Selangor 12.3—1/4½ /7½
Bukit Sembawng 12.3—1/6 /9
Castlefield 12.23—4/9 5/3
Chersonese 12.3—3/3 3/6
Con. Malay 12.23—4/0 5/0
Djasinga 12.25—¾ ⅞
Eastrn Rub. Trust 12.23—18 6 19.6
Grand Central 12.25—20/ 1/
Gula Kalumpong 12.25—1⅛ ½
Highlands 11.43—1 19/32 1 23/32
Java Amal. 12.23—1 ⅛
Java Invest. 12.23—1⅛ 1¼
Java Sub. Prod. 12.23—1 21/32 25/32
Java Un. 12.23—1 9/32 15/32
Jugra Land & Rb. 12.23—3 9 14/9
Kalidjeroek 12.23-1¾ 2
Kali Java 12.27—1/7½ 1/10½
Kamuning 12.3—2/9 3/0
Kapar Para 12.25—2 ¼
Kepong 12.25—4/9 5/3
Kinta Kellas 12.27—3/1½ /4½
Kombok 12.3—2/10½ 3/1½
Kuala Lumpur 12.23—2 ¼
Laras 12.3—1/6 /9
Linggi 11.43—1 15/16 19/32
Ln. Asiatic 11.43—3 9 4/3
Lubok 12.3—2/10½ 3/1½
Lumut 12.23—1 17/32 21/32
Malacca 12 23—2⅛ ⅜
Malayalam 12.25—23/0 24/9
Merliman 12.3—3/1½ /4½
Mt. Austin 12.25—1¼ ⅜
N bodo 12.25—11/16 13/16
Nordanal 12.25—⅝ ¾
Pataling 12.25—1 ⅛
Perak 12.23—2/9 3/3
Port Dickson 12.3—2/1½ /4½
Rani Travancore 12.23—15/16 13/16
Rim 12.3—3/1½ /4½
Rubber Trust 11.2—23/3 /9 11.43—23/6 24/3
Seafield 12.25—25/32 27/32
Selaba 12.25—1⅛ ¼
Selangor 12.25—5/3 /9
Semenyih 12.3—4/ /6
Sialang 12.25—1 5/16 7/16
Singapore Para 12.3—2/1½ /4½
Singapore Un. 12 3—1/ 3
Straits Bertam 11.43—4/7½ 5/1½
Straits Rub. 12.25—15/16 1 1/16
Sumatra Para 12.23—3/ /6
Taiping 12.3—1/6 /9
Tali Ayer 12.26—22/0 23/0
Tambira 11.2—22/9 26/9 12.23—26/3 7 3
Tamiang 12.23—1 1/16 3/16
Tandjong 12.23—1 9/16 1 11/16
Tanjong Malim 12.23—1 1/32 3/32
Telogoredjo 12.23—1⅛ 1⅜
Un. Serdang 11.43—3/0 /6
Un. Sua Betong 12.25—3 1/16 3/16
Un. Sumatra 12.23—2/6 3/
Un. Temiang 12.3—2/9 3/
Val d'Or 12.3—2/10½ 3/1½
Vallambrosa 11.43—13/6 14 6
Waverley 12.3—1/4½ 1/7½

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

A BO 10.53—31/6 2/6
Af. M. Trs 11 1.3 -9/0 33/0
Amal Cotton 11.49—12/3 12/9
Ass. [illegible] 10.53—1 /9 16/9
Ass News Df 11.28—7/16 ⁹/16
Berkeford 11.0 —48/3 9 3
Bleacher 11.49—43/6 4/6
Bradfd Dyer 11.43—46/0 47/0
Brit Am Tob 10.53-83/6 83/6 11.23—83/3 9/3
Brit. Ornoco 10.53—23/0 4/0
Brit Cellulose 11.10—8 9 9/3
Brit. Cellulose Pf 11.10 12/6 13/
Bryant May 10.53—42/0 3/0
Bt. N Borneo 11.3—10/5 11/6
Brit Oil Cake 11.53—26/9 7 9
Calico Printer 11.49—21/6 2/3
Charwood 11.3 -2⅞ 3
Courtauld 10.53-63/3 63/9 11.27 63/6 4/
Charron 11.8 —1 6 2/6
Coats 11.19—65/ 6/
Crossley 11.8 —6/0 7/0
Cross Went. 11.10—/7 /8
Pf 11.10—14 0 14 6
Cross Blackwll 11.10—4/0 4/6
7½ Pref 11.10—14 6 15/0
2d Pref 11.10-7/9 8/3
Daily Mirror 11.29—4 ⅛
Dennis 11.8 —25/9 6/9
DeTrey 11.3 —15/6 16/6
Dunlop 10.53-3/9 9/3
Deb 10.53—105 ½ 6½
English Cotton 11.49—47/0 8/0
Fine Spinners 11.94—41/9 2/9
Harper Bean 11.8 —1/0 /6
Harper Bean Pf 11.8 —2/7½ 3/1½
Harrods 10.53-2/80 9/0
Harrod B A 10-58- 8/0 9/0
Hollins 11.49—20/6 1/6
Home Col 11.55-2¾ 3
Howard B. 11.53-2 9/16 11/16
Hudson Bays 11.28—7½ ⅝
Ideal Sewing Machine 11.3 —/7 /9
Imp. Tob. Gt. Britain 10.53—73/ 4/
Imp. Tob. Can 10.53—22/0 3/0
Johnson P 11.10—15/3 16/3
Jurgens Pref 10.53—17/9 18/9
Jute Indus. 11.49—7/3 7/9
Hoyle 11.43—1¾ ⅞
Jute Pref 11.43-18/6 19/0
Lever 7% Pref 10.53—20/4½ /10½
Lever 8% Pref 10.53—19/1½ /7½
20% Pf 10.53—10 9 11/3
Deb Reg. 10.53—106 107
5% Deb 10.53-93 4
Lipton 11.53-26/3 6/9
9% Pf 11.53-24/3 4/9
Lister 11.10—29/ 30/0
Lond. Coat Markets 11.33—2⅛ ⅜
Lovell Christmas 11.35—1 7/16 9/16
Lyons 11.53—1 6/16 7/16
A 11.55—1 5/16 7/16
Mackintosh Pf 11.10—27/5 8/6
Maple 11.55—1 15/32 19/32
Maypole Def 10.53—5 9 6/3
Nathan Pf Ord 11.10-17/3 18/3
Nelson 11.53—1 13/16 ⅞
Nestles Pref 11.10—17/9 13/6
Niger Co 11.3 -17/6 18/6
Niger Notes 11.3—102¼ 3¼
Nobel Indust 11.49—16 3 17/3
Paton Baldwin 11.49—51 0 2/0
Pekin Synd. 11.3 —6/0 7/0
Shansi 11.3 —7/16 9/16
Peters 11.8 —1 5/16 6/16
Pink Pf 11.27-11/32 13/32
Platt Bros. 11.53-41/6 42/0
Selfridge 6% Pf 11.55—23/9 4/9
10% Pf Ord 11.55—23/9 6/9
Salincourt 11.3—1¼ ⅜
Smith Meat 11.52—1 ½
Spiers & Pond 10.53—25/6 6/3
Swedish Match 10.53—6 15/16 7 1/16
S T D 11.8 —5.9 6/9
Smith, S. 11.8 -3/0 3/9
Straker Squire 11.8—0/9 1/3
T Tilling 11.8 -30/0 31/0
U S Lumber 11.3—21 3
Un. Cold Store 6 Pref 11.53—21/0 0/9
Un. Tob. A 10.53—43/0 4/0
Def 10.53—43/0 4 0
Van den Berg 5% Ord 11.55—1 5/32 9/32
Vauxhall Motor 11.8—6 0 7/0
Whiteley 11.0-44/9 5/9
Willies Over. Crossley 11.8 —5/0 6/0

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Anglo Amer. Def. 12.39—24 ¼
Anglo B 12.39-102½ 3½
East Tele 12.39—9 91
East. Extn. Tel. 12.39—19½ ⅝
Westn 12.39—18⅝ 18⅞
Globe 12-39—18⅞ 19⅛
Henley 12-32—46 0 7/0
Marconi 11.3—2 7/32 9/32 12.8—2¼ 5/16
Deb 11.3—3 ⅛ pm 12.8—3 ⅛ pm
Marconi Pf. 11.3—2 ⅛
Marconi Can. 11.3—10/9 11/3
Marconi Mar 11.3—1 9/32 11/32 12.8-1 9/16 11/16
Radio 11.3—115/3 16/
Pref 11.3—12/6 13/6

MINING, LAND, ETC.

Afric Europ 11.35—½ ⅝
Amal. Zinc 11.31-1 ⅛
Ang. Frnch 11.36-17/0 18/0
Apex 11.33—6/6 7/6
Ariz. Cop 11.21—⅞ 1
Akoko 11.57—1/10½ 2/1½
Balaghat 11.21-11/0 12/0
Bechuanl 11.57—6/9 7/3
Brit Brok Hill 11.21—1 11/16 13/16
Bk Hill Pp 11.21-1 7/16 9/16
Burma Cor 11.21—6/6 7/0
Cam Motr 11.0 -1 15/16 2 11.17 1 ⅞ 15/16
Chartered 10.50-12/ /3
Colum Min 11.5 —5/0 7/0
Con. MR 11.29-12/3 13/3
City Deep 11.36—2/9 3/3
Crown 11.29—3 1/16
Con Lang 11.36 16/0 17/0
Cent. Min 11.33-8¼ ⅞
Con. [illegible] 11.33—16/0 17/0
Coronata 11.29-5/6 5/9
Dagga GM 11.29-3/3 0/9
De Beers Def 10.50-13 13/16 13 15/16
Pref 10.50—12 13/16 15/16
East Rand Mas 11.35 7/16 9/16
Esst Rand 10.50-8 1½ 8/4½
Esperanza 11.5 -11/0 12/0
Falcon Mines 11.37—6/0 6/6
Ferreira Deep 11.29—8/3 0/9
Gaika Gold 11.57—12/0 12 6
Gelden Dp 11.29-6 3 6/9
Glynns 11.29—⅝ ⅞
Globe & P. 11.57-11/0 11/6
Govt Area 11.[illegible]
Goldfields 10.5[illegible]
Geduld 11.3[illegible]
Gen. Min 11.36-13/9 14/0
Henderson 11.57-2/3 2/[illegible]
Joha. Cons 11.29 31/3 31/6
Kamunting 11.21-1 [illegible]
Kirkland 11.29-8/6 9/6
Knight Cent 11.29-5/0 5/6
Knights 11.36-19/0 20/0
Lonely 11.57-1 [illegible]
Ld Rhod 11.0 -3/4 5/7½
Mex. Mine 11.5 4⅛ ½
Modder Deep 11.29-[illegible]
Malay Tin 11.21-1 [illegible]
Modder E 11.35—6/6 7/5
Min. Gen. 11.21—3¼ ¾
Mt Lyall 11.21-19/6 20/6
Meyer Charlton 11.36—4 ⅛
Mysore 11.21-11 3 11/9
Nat. Mint 11.29—2/3/9
New Era 11.29—6/9 7/3
Nourse 11.23-18/0 18 6
Nigel 11.36—9/32 11/32
Mex. Corp 11.5 -6/0 6/6
New Chuquitambo 11.17 1 7/16 ½
Nundydg 11.31-8/3 /9
Oceana 11.57-5/3 0/9
Ooregum 11.21—23/32 25/32
Ouro Preto 11.17—19/32 21/32
Oriental 11.35—⅛ ½
Premier Df 11.35-6¼ ¾
Pref 11.35-6¾ 7
Primrose 11.36-5/0 5/0
Rand Min 10.50-3 1/16
Randfontein 10.50—22/4½ /7½
Rand Cst. 10.50-15/7½ /10½
Remus 11.21—1 ⅛
Rezende 11.57—3 5/16 7/16
Rio Tinto 10.54—33⅞ 34⅛
Rhod Cop 11.57—2/ /3
Rhod Inv 11.57-5/3 0/9
Rose Deep 11.29—14/6 15/3
San Fran Mex 11.5—16/0 16/6
Siamese 11.21—2 1/16 3/16
S. Amer Copper 11.0—10/3 11/6
S. Crofty 11.21-5/3 0/9
Sulphide 11.21-14 0 15/
Rand Selec 11.29-3¼ ⅛
S W Africa 11.29—15/6 16 6
Spring 11.29—2 ¼
Sub. Nigel 11.23-9/9 10/9
Tanganyika 11.57-1 [illegible]
Trans. Rhod 11.57-[illegible]
R Victor 11.35-¼ ⅜
Un. Copper 11.35—22/3 [illegible]
Vereeniging 11.35—[illegible]
Van Ryn Deep 11.29—3 [illegible]
Victoria Falls 11.29—[illegible]
Pref. 11.29—25/9 6/3
Village Deep 11.23 1¾
Waihi 11.21—1¼ ⅜
Welgedacht 11.35—[illegible]
Westrand 11.35-3/6 4/0
Willoughby 11.57-3/6 4/0
Witwatersrand 11.29—[illegible]
Wolhuter 11.36-3/ /6
Zinc Corp 11.47-13/6 14/0

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HABTON WINS AT MANCHESTER

A HEAVY DAY'S RACING.

SUCCESS OF BENEDICTION.

SPECIAL SELECTION GETS HOME AT 6 TO 1.

MANCHESTER, Tuesday.

The racing public are such good judges that a meeting really meriting their patronage is sure to obtain it, and with nine events figuring on the card to-day in consequence of the partial postponement of yesterday's programme owing to the fog, the attendance was heavy.

The going was sticky in places as a result of heavy rain during the night, but a wind springing up swept away all traces of mist, and the running was easily seen from the stands during the earlier contests.

Good Jumping.

It was a pleasure to witness the January Handicap Steeplechase, as all the runners gave a good exhibition of jumping. Not a single fall occurred, and Morning Star led them a merry gallop all the way.

Jack Anthony on the favourite, Forewarned, however, did not let Leader get too far away, and took second place in the straight. Morning Star was on the inside, and approaching the final fence Anthony looked round to see who was following on his left.

There was no danger, and closing with Morning Star, rising for the final fence, he came away on the flat and won by one and a-half lengths.

The Defeat of Tuscan.

Tuscan was well treated in the Chorlton Hurdle seeing how cleverly he won at Newbury, and, despite the size of the field, he was looked upon, according to the wagering, as a real good thing.

It looked like it, too, two hurdles from home, as his nearest opponent was Phantom Willie. Suddenly, however, Wootton on Derryboy II. dashed through on the inside approaching the final obstacle, and passing Phantom Willie, challenged Tuscan.

There was little in it between them when they landed, but Derryboy II. proved the faster on the flat. The winner is trained by Coulthwaite, who also saddled Nellie Gough. Envoy, who broke a blood vessel, was dismounted at the winning post.

The Consistent Hairpin II.

Hairpin II appears to be a standing dish for the Victory Steeplechase, as he won in 1921 and last year finished third, on each occasion being ridden by the late W. Smith.

He was now the mount of G. Goswell, and the nine-year-old put up another great fight but found one too good for him in Habton, on whom Frank Morgan made the whole of the running. The favourite was Blazing Corn, but he has small feet and the going was all against him.

Duettiste, who was foaled in France, and then sent to America, where he won a lot of races, was sent here specially for the Grand National, but broke down in training. He does not appear to be much. Morganatic Marriage blundered badly at the water.

L. B. Rees is well known to be a fine horseman, but he certainly excelled himself when he got the favourite, Joseph the First, home in the Broughton Hurdle, for after landing over the final obstacle, Rung Ho looked all over a winner.

Rung Ho, who ran in the Derby, had nearly a two lengths' lead in the run home. Joseph the First, who had swerved at the final hurdle, wore him down, however, amidst great excitement. Rain unexpectedly made its appearance prior to the Broughton Hurdle, and a mist enveloped the top end of the course.

Mr. Joe Bayliss, having failed with Morning Star, hoped to redeem his losses by the aid of Ballyhandy in the Peel Park Hurdle. His eleven-year-old, however, has lost a lot of his speed, and it was left to the second favourite, Snake Ash, to run away with the race.

Trentino is a tearaway customer who likes to be in front, and when his pilot humours him he requires a lot of catching. L. B. Rees allowed him to show the way in the Manchester Steeplechase, with the result that he spreadeagled his field. Bodyguard, who was second, was interfered with by Progress at the second fence.

Mr. George Gunter does not ride very frequently now, but he got up on Vale of Realm in the Victory Hurdle, only, however, to find the ground at the top turn. Frank Wootton got off Benediction to ride Charles Lever, who was always a sound favourite. By the irony of fate Benediction led all the way, giving Coulthwaite his second win of the afternoon.

12.0.—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

FOREWARNED, by Foresight—Uneekah (Mr W A Bankier), a-12-3 ...J Anthony 1
MORNING STAR (Mr J Baylis), a-10-9 T Leader 2
CONJUROR II (Major C Dewhurst), a-11-11 Mr Dewhurst 3

Also ran: Foxtrot (A Stubbs), My Royal (M Dillon), Fibber (J Mahoney, sen), Scottish Archer (Waudby), Cinzano (Trudgill), Serban (Mr H A Brown), Equancourt (Mr D Stewart).

(Off 12.0.—Winner trained by Hastings.)

Betting: 7 to 4 agst FOREWARNED, 7 to 2 Morning Star, 7 to 1 Foxtrot, 8 to 1 each Cinzano and Scottish Archer, 10 to 1 others. Won by a length and a half; two lengths.

Morning Star led from Fibber, Cinzano, Forewarned, and Conjuror. Two fences from home Forewarned closed with Morning Star, and won. Scottish Archer was fourth and Serban last.

12.25. — CHORLTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

DERRYBOY II, by Strong Drink—Cos (Mr J Morrison), a-10-13 ....F Wootton 1
TUSCAN (Mr J L Dugdale), 5-11-6 A Escott 2
PHANTOM WILLIE (Sir R M Liddell), 5-10-11 ....A Waudby 3

Also ran: Galtee Boy (G Walsh), Bilsthorpe (G Goswell), Dumfries (Mr A Knowles), Catskin (R Lyall), Martinique (F Morgan), Envoy (Mr H A Brown), Lambswool (A Reader), Fairy Cross (J Goswell), Nellie Gough (Dick), Lama of Tibet (T Leader).

(Off 12.25.—Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst Tuscan, 3 to 1 DERRYBOY II, 7 to 1 Phantom Willie, 10 to 1 Lama of Tibet, 100 to 7 others. Won by three lengths; six lengths.

Tuscan led from Lambswool, Phantom Willie, and Catskin. Two hurdles from home Tuscan took up the running from Phantom Willie, with Derryboy II next. The latter, however, challenged Tuscan over the last hurdle, and won comfortably. Nellie Gough was fourth and Bilsthorpe last, except Envoy, who pulled up, having broken a blood vessel.

12.53.—VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 1,000 sovs; second 100 sovs, third 50 sovs. Two miles.

HABTON, by Sandow—Bulmer (Mr V T Thompson), a-12-7 ....F Morgan 1
HAIRPIN II (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-7 G Goswell 2
SOUTHEND (Mr C F Kenyon), 6-12-0 F B Rees 3

Also ran: Zenon (Mr H A Brown), Blazing Corn (J Anthony), Duettiste (A Escott), Morganatic Marriage (G Smith), Smashaway (L Rees), Ganzey (F Mason), Lochar (M Dillon).

(Off 12.56.—Winner trained by F Hartigan)

Betting: 7 to 2 agst Blazing Corn, 4 to 1 HABTON, 6 to 1 each Hairpin II and Duettiste, 7 to 1 each Southend and Zenon, 8 to 1 Morganatic Marriage, 10 to 1 Smashaway, 20 to 1 others. Won by eight lengths; five lengths.

Habton led from Hairpin II and Southend, with Blazing Corn last. Rounding the bottom bend Habton continued in front from Duettiste and Hairpin II, who were well clear of Blazing Corn. Hairpin II improved his position near home, but could make no impression on Habton, who won easily. Duettiste was fourth and Morganatic Marriage last, except Smashaway, who was pulled up.

1.15.—BROUGHTON HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second receives 20 sovs, and third 10 sovs. Two miles.

JOSEPH THE FIRST, by Hapsburg—Araminta (Lady Webb), 6-12-3 L B Rees 1
RUNG HO (Lord Wavertree), 4-10-7 J Mason 2
EAGLE'S TAIL (Mr J E Hartley), 4-10-7 A Waudby 3

Also ran: Down South (F Rees), Aris (Threlfell), Shaw's Bridge (Dick).

(Off 1.20.—Winner trained by D Harrison.)

Betting: Evens JOSEPH THE FIRST, 2 to 1 agst Down South, 7 to 1 Rung Ho, 8 to 1 Aris, 10 to 1 others. Won by a length and a half; bad third.

Rung Ho led from Joseph the First and Aris, but after going seven furlongs Aris became third. Mist then obscured the view, but two hurdles from home the favourite was racing alongside Rung Ho. The latter jumped to the front over the last hurdle, but gave way to Joseph the First inside the distance, who won easily. Down South was fourth and Aris last.

1.40. — PEEL PARK (S) HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. Two miles.

SNAKE ASH, by King William—Nonnette (Mr A J Chamberlain), a-11-2 F Saunders 1
FOOL PROOF (Mr C F Kenyon), 6-11-2 F B Rees 2
TROUT-CALL (Mr J Aitken), a-11-2 P Allden 3

Also ran: King Raeburn (Mr A Knowles), Ballyhandy (T Leader), Keyham (A Sheldon), Cayenne (H Saunders), Dial (Mr Prioleau), Cherry Bay (J Taylor).

(Off 1.43.—Winner trained by Chamberlain.)

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Ballyhandy, 5 to 2 each SNAKE ASH and Fool Proof, 5 to 1 Trout-Call, 100 to 7 others. Won by eight lengths; three lengths.

Cherry Bay led from Dial, Ballyhandy, and Foolproof, with Keyham last. After going six furlongs Ballyhandy led from Snake Ash. Coming out of the mist Snake Ash was leading Foolproof, the former going on to score comfortably. Ballyhandy was fourth and Cayenne last.

2.5.—MANCHESTER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 112 sovs; second receives 10 sovs. Three miles.

TRENTINO, by Frontino—Enchanted Queen (Mr F N Lloyd), a-12-3 ....L B Rees 1
BODYGUARD (Mr C S Clarke), a-11-11 J R Anthony 2
PROGRESS (Mr W B Duckworth), 5-10-0 F Mason 3

Also ran: Drifter (F Morgan), Silent Sands (G Goswell)

(Off 2.7.—Winner trained by G Poole.)

ANOTHER WINNER.

BENEDICTION
WHO WON TO-DAY
AT 6 TO 1
WAS THE
SPECIAL COURSE SELECTION
IN THE
LUNCH EDITION
OF THE
Pall Mall Gazette

WINNERS LAST WEEK WERE:—
HAVE A CARE ... 4 to 1
FIRING LINE ... ... 6 to 1

Betting: 6 to 5 agst TRENTINO, 2 to 1 Bodyguard, 6 to 1 Silent Sands, 8 to 1 Drifter, 100 to 8 Progress Won by ten lengths; bad third.

Silent Sands refused at the first fence, and Progress made a bad mistake at the second. Trentino led from Drifter and Bodyguard, and a mile from home Bodyguard took second place. Drifter made a bad mistake and dropped back last, and Trentino went on to score easily. Drifter was fourth.

2.30.—VICTORY HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 500 sovs. Two miles.

BENEDICTION (Mr D G Dickson), 6-10-3 F B Rees 1
CHARLES LEVER (Mr J Settle), 6-11-5 F Wootton 2
HYMIR (Capt J O'G Delmege), 6-11-9 Mr Delmege 3

Also ran: Jacksdale (R Lyall), Vale of Realm (Mr G Gunter), Devil's Own (L Rees), Wise Folly (G Wall), Atlantic Flight (T Leader), Marsin (Waudby).

(Off 2.34.—Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Charles Lever, 5 to 1 each Wise Folly and Atlantic Flight, 6 to 1 BENEDICTION, 8 to 1 Hymir, 100 to 3 others. Won by six lengths; two lengths.

Benediction led from Vale of Realm, Wise Folly, Atlantic Flight, and Hymir. Coming out of the mist Charles Lever took third place, and later challenged Benediction over the last hurdle. The latter, however, led throughout, and scored comfortably. Wise Polly was fourth and Jacksdale last.

3.0.—STAND HURDLE HANDICAP of 110 sovs. Two miles.

MR PORTA, by Atlas—Miss Killian (Mr T Dickson), 6-11-6 ....F Wootton 1
VICTOR NOIR (Mrs G Morris), 6-11-8 A Smyth 2
EARL MARSHALL (Mrs A Blain), a-11-4 G Wall 3

Also ran: Grecian Waters (L Bunn), Konky (A Escott), Love Letter (S Tidey), Ramda (Waudby), Bae More (F Mason), Muz (S Jones), Woden (M Dillon).

(Off 2.49.—Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Earl Marshall, 3 to 1 MR PORTA, 5 to 1 Ramda, 7 to 1 each Victor Noir and Konky, 8 to 1 Love Letter, 100 to 6 others. Won by four lengths; bad third.

Earl Marshall led from Mr Porta, Woden, Mus, and Ramda. After going six furlongs Love Letter came to grief. Over the last fence Mr. Porta got on terms with Earl Marshall, and won comfortably. Baemore was fourth and Woden last.

3.30.—CANAL STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second receives 20 sovs, and third 10 sovs. Two miles.

DRUMREE, by Frontino—dam by Homing—Rogina (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-7 G Goswell 1
PRESUMPTUOUS (Mr G Clancy), 5-11-7 J Mahoney, sen 2
THE SHEIK (Capt. H Rich), 4-10-7 W Gurney 3

Also ran: Obelisk (Trudgill), Mem Sahib (E Parker), Manrico (J Kelly), Blue Anchor (Rennison), Simon's Mount (H Morris), Leighlin Bridge (Mr Prioleau).

(Off 3.29.—Winner trained by Sanday.)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst DRUMREE, 4 to 1 each Blue Anchor and Manrico, 10 to 1 others. Won by eight lengths; bad third.

Obelisk fell.

NEWMAN v. FALKINER.

In spite of an improvement in Falkiner's form, Newman still held a lead of 1,166 when play was continued in the match of 13,500 up at Thurston's Hall in Leicester-square this afternoon.

Newman was then in play with a break of 40 unfinished, the scores being 6,552—5,386 in his favour.

The champion started off in fine style by increasing his unfinished run: 244.

Little, however, was done for some time, the best breaks being 49 by Newman and 44 by Falkiner, but the latter then settled down and played finely.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

When the sixth heat of 2,000 up in the second round of the Amateur Championship was continued this afternoon at the Burwat Hall in Soho-square, L. Stroud was leading L. Jacobs by 285.

The scores then stood 1,000—715 in favour of Stroud, who was in play with a run of 17 unfinished.

The feature of the early play to-day was a fine all-round break of 97 by Jacobs, who also put on a run of 43. In the meantime Stroud's best breaks were 26 and 28.

Scores: Stroud, 1,120; Jacobs, 888.

MARATHON RUNNER FALLS AT POST,

BUT STAGGERS ALONG TO FINISH SECOND.

DRAMATIC POWDERHALL RACE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Tuesday.

The great Powderhall pedestrian meeting concluded to-day, when the Marathon, over ten miles, had a dramatic finish.

McCrae, the champion distance runner, and Lindsay, of Dreghorn, were together for six miles. Lindsay then showed signs of distress, and McCrae gained a sixty yards lead.

Lindsay rallied at the last lap, however, and was level with McCrae

Lindsay led by five yards coming into the straight, but 30 yards from the tape collapsed, and McCrae rushed on to win while Lindsay lay on the ground.

Some people in the ring dashed forward and patted the prostrate runner, and, urged by shouts, he staggered to his knees and then his feet, and half dazed he reeled the remaining few yards to be awarded second place by the referee.

The following is the betting on the sprint before racing:—

Evens Baillie (Musselburgh), 2 to 1 Riach (Ratho), 8 to 1 Herriot (Portobello), 100 to 8 Glack (London), 20 to 1 Forster (Oldham).

The prize in the Marathon scratch race was won by George McCrae, of Banknock, J. Lindsay (Dreghorn) was second, and R. E. Cole (Hereford) third. McCrae won by 30 yards, 200 yards separating second and third. Time, 51mins. 54secs.

Marathon Betting.—6 to 4 agst Lindsay, 4 to 1 agst McCrae. The finish was sensational, as Lindsay led into the straight but collapsed 30 yards from the tape. Encouraged by shouts he staggered up and finished second.

The handicap winner of the Marathon was Kerr (Alloa), Jarvie (Kilsyth) being second.

Sprint second tie winners: A. Herriott (Portobello). Time, 12 3-16sec. J. Riach (Ratho), 12 2-16sec. T. Baillie (Musselburgh), 12 3-16sec. J. Thomson (Edinburgh), 12 5-16sec. W. Donkin (Benwell), 12 11-16sec.

MACLAREN'S TEAM'S EASY WIN.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Tuesday.

In fine weather and before 1,500 spectators, play was resumed here to-day in the Test Match between the team under the captaincy of A. C. Maclaren and New Zealand.

Continuing their second innings with the score at 49 for 1 on a crumbling wicket, New Zealanders were all dismissed for 127, the M.C.C. thus winning by the handsome margin of an innings and 156 runs.

Gibson secured five wickets for a fraction over eight runs apiece, and Freeman took five for 72. Of the sixty-five overs sent down, 32 were maidens. A feature of to-day's play was the fine fielding of Maclaren at slip

Maclaren's team 506 for 8 declared.
New Zealand 222 and 127.

—Reuter's Special Service.

FOOTBALL HALF-TIMES.

LEAGUE I.

Bolton 3, Notts Forest 1

LEAGUE III. (Northern).

Stalybridge 1, Barrow 0.
Hartlepools 0, Lincoln 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrie 1, Hamilton 0.
Motherwell 3, Morton 1.
Alloa 1, Falkirk 1.
Celtic 0, Clyde 0.
Aberdeen 1, Raith Rovers 0.
St. Mirren 1, Hearts 0.
Ayr 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Partick 0, Rangers 0.

Middlesex 21 pts., Rhine Army 0.
Dundee 0, Hibernians 0.
Third Lanark 1, Albion Rovers 0.
Darlington 1, Rochdale 0.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RACKETS.

The Public Schools' Rackets Handicap was continued at Queen's Club, West Kensington, to-day. Results:

D. S. Milford (Rugby) beat A. R. Villiers (rec. 5, Wellington), 15—5, 15—7, 15—10.

K. S. Duleep-Sinhj (Cheltenham) beat C. H. Obery (rec. 4, Malvern),) 15—6, 15—5, 15—9.

J. E. Dunning (Westminster) beat N. A. Renny (Haileybury), 15—1, 15—8, 15—10.

Semi-final: F. C. Dawny (Radley) beat E. R. J. Holmes (rec. 3, Malvern)), 15—3, 15—9, 15—3.

J. W. Greenstock (Malvern) (received 6) beat A. E. Blair (Radley) (owed 2) 5—15, 15—5, 15—3, 15—9.

D. S. Wilford (Radley) (received 9) beat J. G. Middleditch (Winchester) 15—10, 15—10, 18—15.

ENGLAND LEAD BY 69.

BLANCKENBERG AND HALL BOWL WELL.

SOUTH AFRICA 71 FOR 1

SLOW SCORING IN THE SECOND INNINGS.

England gained a lead of 69 on the first innings when the Test match with South Africa was continued at Cape Town to-day.

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

Heavy rain fell for some hours early to-day, and delayed the start of the second day's play in the Test match between England and South Africa.

The weather was cool and still overcast when Mann and Mead went out to continue England's innings on a lifeless pitch, with the total at 128 for four wickets.

G. Hearne kept wicket, Ward, the Transvaal wicketkeeper, having damaged one of his fingers.

Two Good Catches.

With only half-a-dozen runs added to the overnight total Mead was out to a magnificent catch in the slips. He was taken low down by Francois off Blanckenberg, who opened the bowling with Hall.

Fender followed in, but after scoring three he was caught by Hearne off Hall at 137.

Ten runs later Mann, who had been joined by Jupp, got in front of a straight delivery from Blackenberg, and then, with Jupp and Kennedy together, the lunch interval arrived.

Smart Wicketkeeping.

Hearne had been keeping wicket quite well, especially as the bowlers were receiving a deal of assistance from the wicket. Blanckenberg had bowled particularly well.

Nupen and Blanckenberg bowled on the resumption, and off the latter's second delivery Kennedy was smartly taken at the wicket without addition to the score.

Brown next partnered Jupp, and the total had been taken to 155 when, off the last ball of the succeeding over, Hearne further distinguished himself by securing a skier from the amateur, who was sent back for a dozen runs.

Macaulay Hits Out.

Macaulay, who came in last, scored a couple of boundaries in succession off Nupen, and the latter was taken off at 181 in favour of Hall. Macaulay was dismissed at 182.

Of the bowlers, Blanckenberg and Hall had practically the same averages, their wickets having been obtained at a cost of a fraction over 12 runs apiece.

South Africa Start Slowly.

South Africa began their second venture with Hearne and Catterall, while Kennedy and Macaulay shared the attack.

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings.

G. Hearne, c Fender, b Macaulay	0
R. Catterall, c Brown, b Fender	10
H. W. Taylor, b Fender	9
A. D. Nourse, lbw, b Fender	16
W. V. Lang, c Mann, b Fender	13
W. Brann, b Kennedy	0
J M Blanckenberg, c Carr, b Jupp	9
R. J. Francois, run out	28
T. A Ward, bJupp	4
E. P. Nupen, c and b Macaulay	2
A. E Hall, not out	0
Extras	22
Total	113

Bowling.—Kennedy 1 for 24, Macaulay 2 for 19, Fender 4 for 29, Jupp 2 for 18, Woolley 0 for 1.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Russell, c Catterall, b Hall	39
Sandham, c Francois, b Blankenberg	19
Woolley, c Francois, b Hall	0
Mead, c Francois, b Blanckenberg	21
A. W. Carr, c Ward, b Hall	42
F. T. Mann, lbw, b Blanckenberg	4
P. G. H. Fender, c Hearne, b Hall	3
Jupp, c Hearne, b Nupen	12
Kennedy, c Hearne, b Blanckenberg	2
Brown, not out	10
Macaulay, b Blanckenberg	19
Extras	11
Total	182

Bowling: Blanckenberg 5 for 61, Nupen 1 for 43, Hall 4 for 49.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Second Innings.

G. Hearne, b Kennedy	0
R. Catterall, not out	42
H. W. Taylor, not out	22
Extras	7
Total (for 1 wkt)	71

—Reuter's Special Service.

Hull Tramways Committee recommend the acceptance of a Belgian tender for one thousand tons of rails at £9,547, against an English tender of £14,330.

LATEST NEWS

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Bolton 4, Notts Forest 2.
Stalybridge 1, Barrow 0.
Hartlepools 2, Lincoln City 0.
Middlesex 32 pts, the Rhine Army 3 pts.
Airdrie 3, Hamilton 1.
Ayr United 2, Kilmarnock 1.
Falkirk 2, Alloa 1.
Darlington 1, Rochdale 1.
Celtic 0, Clyde 0.
Dundee 1, Hibernian 0.
Motherwell 4, Morton 3.
Rangers 1, Partick 0.
Raith Rovers 1, Aberdeen 1.
St. Mirren 2, Hearts 1.
Third Lanark 2, Albion Rovers 2.

BILLIARDS LATEST.

Newman, 6,913; Falkiner, 5,860.
Breaks: Falkiner, 205, 171.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

Latest score: South Africa, 125 for 1.

POWDERHALL SPRINT RESULT.

Result of the Powderhall sprint was Riach 1, Baillie 2, Herriott 3, Donkin 4. Betting: 7 to 4 on Baillie, 5 to 2 Riach, 10 to 1 Herriott.

ANGORA'S DECISION.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs: The Turkish National Assembly, after discussing Hassan Bey's explanations of the negotiations at Lausanne, unanimously decided to uphold the National Pact.

The Turkish delegates at Lausanne have received no news of any rising at Mosul.

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